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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 ON PAGE 86]

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M GOING TO CALL  
7   THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER. I'D LIKE TO  
8   ASK THE AUDIENCE TO RISE FOR THE INVOCATION. AND THE PLEDGE OF  
9   ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER MICHAEL  
10  WAKEFIELD OF THE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH IN SHERMAN OAKS.  
11  THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY FELICIA MURRAY, FORMER  
12  CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY. FATHER WAKEFIELD.

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14   **FATHER MICHAEL WAKEFIELD:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR.  
15  DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS OF LAS ANGELES COUNTY PERMIT ME  
16  TO PREAMBLE AS WE MARK A LOVELY ANNIVERSARY TODAY. ON THIS DAY  
17  IN 1781, 44 SETTLERS WALKED FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION TO  
18  THE BANKS OF A SMALL RIVER ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM HERE TO  
19  LISTEN TO THE SPANISH GOVERNOR, FELIPE DE NEVE PROCLAIM A NEW  
20  PUEBLO TO BE NAMED. EL PUEBLO DE NUESTRA SENORA LA REINA DE  
21  LOS ANGELES DE PORCIUNCULA, "THE PUEBLO OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF  
22  ANGELS OF PORCIUNCULA". THIS WAS THE NAME OF THE TINY CHAPEL  
23  IN UMBRIA WHICH WAS SO DEAR TO THE HEART OF ST. FRANCIS OF  
24  ASSISI AND IN TURN, GIVEN BY THE FRANCISCAN FRIORS, HIS  
25  SPIRITUAL SONS, TO BE THE NAME OF THIS BRAND NEW PUEBLO. TODAY



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1 WE MARK THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. EVERY  
2 BIRTHDAY IS A TIME TO REFLECT UPON THE PAST AND LOOK TO THE  
3 FUTURE. THE FIRST SETTLERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WERE  
4 GABRIELINOS AND CHUMACH NATIVE AMERICANS, TO THESE WERE ADDED  
5 THE FIRST 44 PEOPLE, TWO-THIRDS OF WHOM WERE OF MIXED AFRICAN,  
6 NATIVE AMERICAN, AND EUROPEAN ANCESTRY. ON FEBRUARY 18, 1850,  
7 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS ESTABLISHED, ONE OF THE 27  
8 ORIGINAL COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA AND NAMED AFTER HIS FIRST  
9 CITY, LOS ANGELES. FROM OUR COUNTY'S ORIGINAL POPULATION OF  
10 3,500 IN 1850 A COLOSSUS SLOWLY GREW THAT TODAY BOASTS 9.5  
11 MILLION RESIDENTS, COMPRISING NEARLY A QUARTER OF CALIFORNIA'S  
12 POPULATION. THE ORIGINALLY RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY VARIED  
13 POPULATION HAS GROWN MORE MIXED, GENERATION BY GENERATION, AS  
14 PEOPLE HAVE MOVED HERE FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD  
15 MAKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY ONE OF THE MOST ETHNICALLY,  
16 RACIALLY, CULTURALLY, AND RELIGIOUSLY DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE  
17 ENTIRE NATION. TO THIS DAY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WELCOMES  
18 AND EMBRACES ALL TO MAKE THIS CORNER OF OUR GREAT NATION HOME.  
19 WHATEVER ONE'S PAST OR HISTORY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
20 AFFORDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN ANEW. EACH NEW ADDITION OF  
21 THE FAMILIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED A THREAD TO  
22 THE RICH TAPESTRY OF OUR COUNTY'S CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND  
23 ECONOMIC DYNAMISM. WE ARE BLESSED WITH RAILROAD, HARBOR AND  
24 TRADE, MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION, ENTERTAINMENT AND GREAT  
25 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. ALMIGHTY GOD YOU, YOU HAVE BLESSED WITH





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1 RUGGED MOUNTAINS AND BEACHES, NATURAL RESOURCES AND A  
2 WONDERFUL CLIMATE. FOR THESE BLESSINGS WE GIVE YOU THANKS.  
3 FROM TIME TO TIME, WE ARE TESTED AND TRIED WITH EARTHQUAKE,  
4 FLOOD AND FIRE. BUT AFTER EACH, YOU ASSIST US TO REGROUP AND  
5 REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS MORE WONDERFULLY  
6 THAN BEFORE. FOR THIS HELP WE GIVE YOU THANKS. MOST OF ALL, WE  
7 ARE BLESSED WITH A VIBRANT, DYNAMIC, INNOVATIVE AND DIVERSE  
8 POPULATION WHO MAKE FATHER SARAH'S MOTTO, "SIEMPRO ADELANTE",  
9 "ALWAYS FORWARD" THEIR OWN AND ARE NEVER AFRAID TO DREAM, HOPE  
10 AND WORK AND BUILD A BETTER HOME FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
11 LOVED ONES, FOR THE DIVERSITY AND ENERGY OF OUR PEOPLE, WE  
12 GIVE YOU THANKS. SEND DOWN YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THESE MEMBERS  
13 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MAY  
14 THEY BE COURAGEOUS IN FACING CHALLENGES, SKILLFUL IN  
15 DETERMINING PRIORITIES, WISE IN ALLOCATING RESOURCES,  
16 UNDERSTANDING IN WORKING WITH EACH OTHER AND COMPASSIONATE TO  
17 THOSE WHO WHO DEPEND UPON OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE VULNERABLE  
18 AND DEFENSELESS. MAY YOUR ANGELS, YOUR TOUCH OF LIFE AND HOPE  
19 UPON HUMANITY REST UPON THESE DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS, THEIR  
20 DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIONS AND UPON OUR COUNTY TODAY AND  
21 ALWAYS, AMEN.

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23 **FELICIA MURRAY:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND JOIN ME IN THE  
24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. FACE THE FACE THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF  
25 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]



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**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY FATHER MICHAEL WAKEFIELD WHO WAS THE PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH IN SHERMAN OAKS. FATHER WAKEFIELD WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PASADENA, HE GRADUATED FROM IF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTABARBARA. SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION, HE ENTERED SAINT JOH'S SEMINARY IN CAMARILLO WHEN HE WAS ORDAINED IN JUNE 1981. FATHER WAKEFIELD HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PRIEST-RABBI DIALOGUE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS AND HAS TAKEN POSTGRADUATE CLASSES IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE. FATHER, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU HERE. [APPLAUSE.] SACHI, IF YOU WOULD CALL THE AGENDA, WE'LL BE IN BUSINESS.

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**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE THREE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THEM. ON PAGE FIVE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SUBMITTED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO HE



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1 WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO REPORT BACK FROM 14  
2 TO 30 DAYS. ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF  
3 THE PUBLIC ALSO REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER  
4 3, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
5 THOMAS REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.  
6 HOWEVER, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
7 HOLD IT. ON ITEMS NUMBER 4 AND 5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 10,  
9 IN PUBLIC HEALTH'S BOARD LETTER, ON RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 10,  
10 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HIS  
11 RECOMMENDATION TO READ AS FOLLOWS --

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 10. AND IT'S PUBLIC HEALTH  
16 BOARD'S LETTER, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE ITEM NUMBER-

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TEN IS A PROCLAMATION. TO PROCLAIM  
19 "PATRIOT DAY" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU'RE CORRECT. I'LL HOLD IT UNTIL ITEM  
22 NUMBER 30 COMES UP.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.





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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU. NO, EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FIFTEEN

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 15 IS ALSO BEING REQUESTED TO  
7 BE HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS  
8 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. KNABE, 15 IS BEING HELD  
11 BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. KNABE MOVES. AND THE REMAINDER  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 20  
15 THROUGH 51. ON ITEM NUMBER 20 AND 21, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEMS NUMBER 22  
17 AND 23 AND 25 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR  
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 26  
19 AND 27, AGAIN THERE'S EITHER A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OR A  
20 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 29,  
21 ALTHOUGH THE POSTED AGENDA INDICATES THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL  
22 HEALTH REQUESTED THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS,  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
24 THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 31, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
4    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 32,  
5    THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
6    ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, AGAIN, ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED ON THE  
7    POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS  
8    ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS  
9    THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 25TH.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 34, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
14   AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
15   ITEM NUMBER 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
16   TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
17   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NUMBER 39 AND  
18   41 AND 42, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
19   HOLD THESE ITEMS.

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21   **SPEAKER:** 41 AND 42?

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23   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. IT IS. AND ON ITEM 43, THERE'S A  
24   REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
25   NUMBER 45, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



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1 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 46, AS  
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHEF EXECUTIVE  
3 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO  
4 SEPTEMBER 25, 2012. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. AND IF I COULD GO BACK ON  
6 ITEM NUMBER 30, THAT WAS THE CORRECTION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH  
7 WANTED TO DO. ON THEIR BOARD LETTER, ON ITEM NUMBER 10, IN  
8 THEIR BOARD LETTER THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS AMENDED AS  
9 FOLLOWS, AND IT WOULD READ: "DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE  
10 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR HIS DESIGNEE TO  
11 TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE 168 AGREEMENTS WITH AGENCIES LISTED  
12 IN ATTACHMENT B AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS REPLACED BY  
13 THESE NEW AGREEMENTS UPON ISSUING A 30-DAY CALENDAR ADVANCED  
14 WRITTEN NOTICE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY COUNTY  
15 COUNSEL AND NOTIFICATION TO YOUR BOARD." AND SO THAT WOULD BE  
16 ON ITEM NUMBER 30.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE HOLD THAT? I'D JUST LIKE TO  
19 HAVE THEM GIVE AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT THE CHANGE IS.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. ITEM NUMBER 30 WILL BE  
22 HELD. SO THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE  
23 BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
2    ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 28, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTIONS,  
5    ITEM NUMBER 52 AND 53. ON ITEM NUMBER 52, AGAIN AS INDICATED  
6    ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS  
7    THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
8    REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 53, I'LL READ THE SHORT  
13   TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION  
14   AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, RELATING TO THE  
15   COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR REPRESENTED AND  
16   NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
17   A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO  
18   THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
19   THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM  
20   NUMBER 54-A?

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
23   KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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25   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 54-B?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY  
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 54-C.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY  
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 54-D.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY  
13 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON PAGE 33, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION,  
16 ON ITEM NUMBER CS-2 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS  
18 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2012.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CS-2?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-2.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. OKAY. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
3 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
4 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? I'D  
7 LIKE TO ASK THOSE WHO ARE HERE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF  
8 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH TO JOIN ME? OKAY. THE MONTH OF  
9 SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR RECOGNIZING THE WORTHY GOAL  
10 OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS, WHOSE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE THE  
11 RESIDENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA TO MAKE  
12 PREPAREDNESS A PART OF THEIR LIVES EACH AND EVERY DAY. IN THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE SEISMOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY HAVE  
14 BROUGHT MORE THAN THEIR SHARE OF NATURAL DISASTERS, THE TIME  
15 IS RIPE FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ALIKE, INCLUDING PERSONS  
16 WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE ACCESS AND  
17 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS, TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES, COMPLETE A DISASTER  
18 PLAN AND SECURE THE ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED TO PROTECT AND  
19 SUSTAIN THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOVED ONES AND NEIGHBORS AND PETS  
20 IN THE AFTERMATH OF A DISASTER. THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
21 MANAGEMENT, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER COALITION HAS  
22 TEAMED UP WITH THE NATIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL  
23 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, CITIZENS CORPS AND THE LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA CITIES, UNINCORPORATED AREA  
25 COMMUNITIES, SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL



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1 ORGANIZATIONS IN HOSTING AND PARTICIPATING IN DISASTER  
2 PREPAREDNESS EVENTS BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN  
3 RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS WANTS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE  
5 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH AND  
6 ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND  
7 TAKE ACTION TO ENGAGE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES AND  
8 TO LEARN HOW THEY, TOO, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY AND  
9 SECURITY OF THEIR COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE JOINED HERE BY OUR FIRE  
10 CHIEF, DARYL OSBY, AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHO ARE HERE, JON  
11 FREEDMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNITY SENIOR  
12 SERVICES DIRECTOR, CYNTHIA BANKS, PAUL SCHULTZ, REPRESENTING  
13 THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, EMERGENCY NETWORK LOS ANGELES CHAIR,  
14 BRANDY WALCH ALEX STATON, AND LOS ANGELES CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT KEN CONDO, ALICIA WILLIAMS AND  
16 EDWIN \_\_\_\_\_. SO I WANT TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU. AND THIS IS  
17 A CALL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALL OF OUR TEN MILLION  
18 RESIDENTS AND ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE SOUND OF OUR VOICE TO USE  
19 THIS MONTH TO BE PREPARED, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE FIRE AREAS  
20 AS WE ENTER THE HEART OF THE FIRE SEASON HERE IN SOUTHERN  
21 CALIFORNIA. LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR, AND THE BOARD AND THE  
24 PUBLIC WHO ARE HERE, CHIEF OSBY AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED  
25 GUESTS. I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT TALKING



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1 ABOUT DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES AS SOMETHING TO BE TERRIFIED  
2 OF. THEY'RE SOMETHING TO BE AWARE OF. AND THEN JUST AS YOU ARE  
3 AWARE OF A POTENTIAL FOR A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT OR ANY OTHER TYPE  
4 OF THING, YOU CLICK YOUR SEAT BELT, YOU LOCK YOUR DOOR, YOU  
5 HAVE ESTABLISHED GOOD HABITS AND PREPAREDNESS IN YOUR DAY-TO-  
6 DAY LIFE. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO THE SAME. BE AWARE. BE SMART  
7 AND PREPARE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND  
10 THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS DECLARATION. IT'S INCUMBENT UPON  
11 ALL OF US TO BE PREPARED. AND IT IS PREPAREDNESS MONTH. WE'VE  
12 ALSO LAUNCHED A PREPARE SOCAL. AND WE WOULD LIKE ALL OF THE  
13 PARTNERS TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT. BUT WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
14 SUPERVISOR'S SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN  
15 THIS COUNTY. WE HAVE A SHELTER OPENED RIGHT NOW AS A RESULT OF  
16 THE WILLIAMS FIRE. AND WE ARE YOUR GRATEFUL PARTNER AT RED  
17 CROSS TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN  
18 FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF PREPAREDNESS MONTH.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. THANK YOU  
21 ALL.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD LADIES  
24 AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. KITA CURRY  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



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1 CENTER AS WELL AS MICHAEL \_\_\_\_\_, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DR.  
3 ROBIN KAY. IN THE UNITED STATES, UNFORTUNATELY, A PERSON DIES  
4 BY SUICIDE EVERY 15 MINUTES, CLAIMING MORE THAN 36,000 LIVES A  
5 YEAR. SUICIDE IS THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE  
6 UNITED STATES AMONG ADULTS 18-65. AND IT IS THE SECOND LEADING  
7 CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS. SENIORS AGE 65  
8 AND OLDER ACCOUNT FOR 68 PERCENT OF THOSE DEATHS HERE IN  
9 CALIFORNIA. OR IN CALIFORNIA, ABOUT 16,000 RESIDENTS MAKE  
10 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS EACH YEAR THAT REQUIRE HOSPITAL CARE. THIS IS  
11 A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE THAT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BY AGE,  
12 GENDER, ETHNICITY OR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. FORTUNATELY FOR OUR  
13 RESIDENTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE  
14 THE LIFESAVING SERVICES OF THE DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH  
15 SERVICES CENTER. THEY WERE THE FIRST IN THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE  
16 24-HOUR A DAY, SEVEN DAY A WEEK MULTILINGUAL SUICIDE  
17 PREVENTION CRISIS HOTLINE. THEIR HOTLINE IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED  
18 AS HAVING DEVELOPED THE MODEL USED BY MOST CRISIS CENTERS AND  
19 HOTLINES ACROSS THE NATION AS WELL AS AROUND THE WORLD. YOU  
20 CAN REACH THE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE BY DIALING 1-877-  
21 CRISIS OR 1-877-727-4747 OR BY CALLING OUR COUNTY'S INFO LINE  
22 211 FOR THE NUMBER. FOR THOSE WATCHING THIS BROADCAST ON YOUR  
23 TELEVISION, THE NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON YOUR SCREEN. I'D ALSO  
24 LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THEIR 14TH ANNUAL LIVE  
25 AND RUNNING 5K WALK/RUN FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION WHICH WILL BE



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1 HELD IN WESTCHESTER ON SEPTEMBER 23RD. SO ON BEHALF OF THE  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE OVER TWO MILLION RESIDENTS -- THE  
3 TEN MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COULDN'T, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
4 BOARD AND STAFF AND THE VOLUNTEERS OF DIDI HIRSCH FOR THEIR  
5 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS WE RECOGNIZE THEIR PROGRAM COMING  
6 UP, A LIVE RUNNING 5K WALK AND ALL THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY  
7 TO PREVENT SUICIDE. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **KITA CURRY:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR  
11 DEPUTY, RICHARD ESPINOSA, FOR SUPPORTING SUICIDE PREVENTION  
12 AND MOST OF ALL FOR LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT THE 24-HOUR  
13 CRISIS LINE. THE LINE IS NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DESPERATE  
14 AND IN PAIN; IT'S ALSO FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT  
15 SOMEONE THAT MAY BE ALSO AT RISK. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH  
16 FOR THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
17 THAT HAS BEEN OUR PARTNER AND THE COUNTY THAT HAS FUNDED OUR  
18 SERVICES. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, WE'VE GROWN TO THE POINT  
19 WHERE WE TEACH 28,000 PEOPLE A YEAR TO RECOGNIZE THE WARNING  
20 SIGNS OF SUICIDE AND WHAT TO DO. AND WE WILL BE TAKING MORE  
21 THAN 50,000 CRISIS LINE CALLS THIS YEAR. BUT MOST IMPORTANT:  
22 THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUICIDE OUT OF THE SHADOWS. THANK YOU FOR  
23 TAKING THE SILENCE AWAY. AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO SHOW HOW FAR  
24 WE'VE COME SINCE TWO PSYCHOLOGISTS FOUNDED THE SUICIDE  
25 PREVENTION CENTER 58 YEARS AGO BECAUSE THEY HAD TO WRITE A





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1 LETTER TO THE FAMILY OF A VETERAN WHO HAD TAKEN HIS LIFE. AND  
2 HOW BETTER WAY TO RECOGNIZE COMING OUT OF THE SILENCE AND  
3 SHADOWS BY RECOGNIZING ALL OF THESE PEOPLE UP HERE WHO HAVE  
4 SUPPORTED THE SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER, MANY OF WHO HAVE LOST  
5 A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE AND CELEBRATE THAT LOVED ONE INSTEAD OF  
6 KEEPING THEM IN THE SHADOWS. AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO ALSO ARE IN  
7 THE BOAT, WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES, AND  
8 THERE IS HELP. NOW I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR BOARD CHAIR,  
9 MICHAEL \_\_\_\_\_.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR FOR YOUR RECOGNITION. IT IS  
12 TRULY AN HONOR TO BE HERE. I COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL FOR ALL  
13 THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE DONE IN SUPPORT OF DIDI HIRSCH AND  
14 ESPECIALLY SUICIDE PREVENTION. WE HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP IN  
15 JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS. WE ARE SEEING INCREDIBLE PARTICIPATION  
16 THIS WEEK IF BOTH CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUALS IN FORMING A  
17 NUMBER OF TEAMS. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A SUPERVISOR TEAM AT THIS  
18 YEAR'S EVENT. I KNOW YOU'RE ALL RUNNERS AND WANT TO GET OUT  
19 THERE AND DO YOUR BEST. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU OUT  
20 THERE IN A FEW WEEKS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DID MY MILES. I DID FOUR MILES  
23 THIS MORNING. I'M READY.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, EACH YEAR WE HAVE THE  
2    OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER AS HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS  
3    MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH SHARON AND HER  
4    HUSBAND, SADI AND THEIR CHILDREN, KYLIE, BOYCE CHARLES AND  
5    BLAKE DOWN HERE FOR THIS MONTH. HYDROCEPHALOUS IS A VERY  
6    SERIOUS NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION CHARACTERIZED BY AN ABNORMAL  
7    BUILDUP OF CEREBRAL FLUIDS IN THE BRAIN. THERE IS NO KNOWN  
8    CURE FOR THIS WHICH AFFECTS AN ESTIMATED ONE MILLION RESIDENTS  
9    IN OUR IN OUR NATION. ONE OR TWO IN EVERY ONE THOUSAND BABIES  
10   BORN WITH HYDROCEPHALOUS AND OVER 375,000 OLDER AMERICANS HAVE  
11   IT WHICH OFTEN GOES UNDETECTED OR IS MISDIAGNOSED AS DEMENTIA  
12   OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR PARKINSON'S. THERE ARE FEWER THAN 10  
13   CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT SPECIALIZE IN THIS TREATMENT  
14   FOR ADULTS WITH NORMAL PRESSURE HYDROSEF ALLOWS. EACH YEAR THE  
15   PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES SPEND IN EXCESS OF ONE BILLION  
16   DOLLARS TO TREATED HYDROCEPHALUS WITH APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS  
17   AND TREATMENT, PEOPLE WITH THIS DISEASE ARE ABLE TO LIVE FULL  
18   AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. AND SO TODAY, SHARON IS GOING TO RECEIVE  
19   THIS WITH HER HUSBAND. THEIR SON JOSH WAS DIAGNOSED WITH  
20   HYDROCEPHALUS AT EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE. SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE  
21   THON SHOWN GREAT COURAGE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THIS  
22   CONDITION. AND EACH YEAR IN SEPTEMBER, WE ARE HERE TO  
23   COMMEMORATE THIS MONTH. BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S BEEN 12  
24   MONTHS SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE. SO THE TIME IS  
25   FLYING BY, SHARON, SADI AND ALL OF YOU. WE'LL DO A PICTURE.



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2     **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR  
3     ALLOWING US TO BE HERE AGAIN THIS YEAR. THIS IS OUR SEVENTH  
4     YEAR COMING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TRY TO RAISE  
5     AWARENESS FOR HYDROCEPHALUS. AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID, IT'S A  
6     VERY SERIOUS AND DEBILITATING CONDITION. MANY OF THESE  
7     CHILDREN, THEY DON'T GO TO LEAD NORMAL LIVES. JOSH IS VERY  
8     FORTUNATE. HE GOES TO SCHOOL. HE'S IN A REGULAR CLASSROOM. BUT  
9     MANY OF THE KIDS, THEY HAVE LIFELONG DISABILITIES, EITHER  
10    MENTAL OR PHYSICAL OR BOTH. SO WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE. AND WE  
11    NEED TO RAISE AWARENESS BECAUSE WITH AWARENESS COMES FUNDING.  
12    AND THE HYDROCEPHALUS IS UNFORTUNATELY VERY, VERY UNDERFUNDED.  
13    THE NATIONAL SPENDING IS RIGHT AROUND FIVE MILLION DOLLARS A  
14    YEAR. IT'S VERY LOW. SO THERE JUST ISN'T ANY RESEARCH. THE  
15    SHUNT TECHNOLOGY THAT THE KIDS USE HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE  
16    EARLY 60S, AND IT ISN'T WORKING ALL OF THE TIME. IT'S NOT A  
17    CURE, FOR SURE. SO THANK YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR.

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19    **SPEAKER:** I KNOW THAT JOSH HAS LOTS OF PROBLEMS, BUT HE'S A  
20    VERY NICE AND FUN BROTHER. I KNOW HE'S DIFFERENT, BUT ALL  
21    PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED EQUAL.

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23    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY GOOD. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. NOW WE HAVE A  
2   LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX. IT'S A LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS  
3   OLD. HER NAME IS BABY. THIS IS BABY WHICH A BOW AND TUTU.  
4   SHE'S LOOKING FOR HOME. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. AND LITTLE  
5   BABY WITH THE BOW CAN BE YOUR LITTLE BABY AT HOME. MARK, DO  
6   YOU WANT A MAN'S DOG? [LAUGHTER.]

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE  
9   UP FIRST. HANG ON A SECOND. LET ME TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
10   STUFF. OKAY. WE HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE  
11   HEARD ON MULTIPLE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SO LET ME CALL THEM UP  
12   NOW. ARNOLD SACHS ASKED TO BE HEARD ON 1-D, 2-D, 2, 26,, 32,  
13   39, 41, 42 AND 45. ERIC PREVEN HAS ASKED TO BE HEARD ON S-1,  
14   1, 3, 5, 15, 22, 23, 32, 34, 35, 36, 43 AND 46. AND DR.  
15   CLAVREUL HAS ASKED TO BE HEARD ON S-1, 4, 20 AND 53, 25, 26,  
16   27 AND 31. IS MR. SACHS HERE? GO AHEAD, MR. PREVEN?

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18   **ERIC PREVEN:** BEFORE WE BEGIN? S-1, ARE WE HAVING A REPORT OR  
19   NO?

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO REPORT.

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23   **ERIC PREVEN:** SO THEN WE'LL GO ALL INCLUSIVE?

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** START HIS TIME.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** S-1 IS A DISASTER. THIS IS OUR HOSPITAL LOOK

3 BACK. MISS MOLINA PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT S-1, S-1 HAS SADLY

4 WE'VE INCREASED TO 20 PERCENT UP FROM SOMETHING LIKE 6

5 PERCENT, ONE OF THOSE IMPORTANT, I THINK THAT'S THE

6 OVERCROWDED LEVEL IN OUR HOSPITALS. THE AVERAGE EMERGENCY

7 DEPARTMENT WAIT TIME IS 10.31 HOURS. THIS IS VERY UPSETTING.

8 THE REASON WHY WE'VE HAD SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS IS WE HAD 15

9 NURSES STEPPED AWAY FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND WE'VE REPLACED

10 THEM WITH 10. BUT MY COLLEAGUE TO MY RIGHT HAS BEEN ASKING FOR

11 A STAFFING PLAN, A CREDIBLE STAFFING PLAN FOR A VERY LONG

12 TIME. WE NEED TO GET DR. KATZ TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS. AND

13 THERE ARE OTHER NUMBERS WHICH I CAN'T CITE GIVEN THE OTHER

14 THINGS I HAVE TO TALK ABOUT. ITEM NUMBER ONE, MISS HAMAI,

15 KINDLY WE ARE EXTENDING AGAIN SOME SERVICE OF COMMISSIONERS.

16 KINDLY POST, THIS IS A COMPROMISE, LET'S POST HOW LONG THESE

17 INDIVIDUALS HAVE SERVED, MR. FUJIOKA AND ALSO THEIR ATTENDANCE

18 NUMBERS, THAT WAY I THINK WE CAN KNOW GOING FORWARD THAT THIS

19 IS A GOOD CHOICE BECAUSE WE'VE EXTENDED A LOT. WE'VE EXTENDED

20 A LOT OF COMMISSIONERS. AND THESE ARE COMMISSIONS THAT OVERSEE

21 THINGS THAT ARE GOING ONLY SO WELL. ITEM NUMBER 3, I WOULD

22 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND FOR

23 ITEM NUMBER 2. HE IS FOCUSED HERE ON ROOTING OUT THE LAWS AND

24 THE RULES THAT ARE -- THAT HAVE ESSENTIALLY CRIMINALIZED

25 INDEFINITELY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW,





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1 GUILTY OF CRIMES AT ONE POINT. HE'S TRYING TO REDUCE THAT. AND  
2 ITEM NUMBER 2 IS AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE CROSSOVER COSTS OF  
3 PEOPLE MOVING FROM OUR YOUTH PROGRAM TO THE PROBATION. THESE  
4 ARE BOTH IN THE RIGHT PLACE. ITEM NUMBER 5 IS A 32,500 DOLLAR  
5 WE'RE WAIVING GROSS RECEIPTS IN THAT AMOUNT FOR A MARATHON OF  
6 SOME KIND. IT'S ACTUALLY A 5K. BUT I HAVE ASKED WENDY WATANABE  
7 TO PROVIDE THE CROSS BREAKDOWN FOR THE MALIBU NAUTICA  
8 TRIATHLON. I WILL ASK UNTIL I GET A RESPONSE BECAUSE WE WANT  
9 THE KNOW. WE JUST WANT TO HAVE THE NUMBERS ON A PIECE OF PAPER  
10 SO WE CAN SEE SO BECAUSE TRANSPARENCY IS A GOOD DISINFECTANT,  
11 SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND I KNOW THAT WE ALL SUPPORT TRIATHLONS IN  
12 THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, DON'T BE CONFUSED. A LOT OF GOOD NEWS  
13 WE ARE CELEBRATING A NUMBER OF THINGS, IT'S HYDROCEPHALUS  
14 AWARENESS MONTH, IT IS ALSO NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. AND  
15 IT IS FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK AS WELL AS SUICIDE PREVENTION  
16 WEEK. AND FINALLY ON 9/11 IT WILL BE PATRIOT DAY. AND THERE  
17 WILL BE NO MEETING, SO THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING, PAY ATTENTION  
18 TO THAT. ITEM NUMBER 32 AND 43 HAVE TO DO WITH JOB ORDER  
19 CONTRACTING AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. ONCE AGAIN, ITEM  
20 NUMBER 32 IS 98,000 DOLLARS FOR WALKER -- THEY ARE REDOING A  
21 LITTLE TRAIL HEAD. 98,000 DOLLARS. 1,000 DOLLARS GOES TO THE  
22 KIDS, 1,800 TO THE GORDIAN GROUP. WE CAN DO BETTER. ITEM 43 IF  
23 YOU THINK IT'S A LIGHT DAY FOR THE GORDIAN GROUP, 83,000  
24 DOLLARS IN LANDSCAPING TO A GROUP IN SOUTH CAROLINA. THAT IS  
25 SHAMEFUL. WE NEED TO CHANGE IT. AND GIVE ME ONE MORE SECOND TO



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1 COMPLETE IF I MAY BECAUSE I'VE JUST BEEN TRYING. ITEM 46 I  
2 JUST WANT TO SAY IT. FOUR LETTERS, T-A-F-T, NOT THE BIG FAT  
3 PRESIDENT. THIS IS A HOME IN KERN COUNTY WE WILL SEND INMATES.  
4 IT'S A BAD IDEA.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD SACHS?

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. IT SOUNDS SO  
9 RIDICULOUS WHEN YOU SIT UP THERE AND YOU CALL OUT THESE  
10 NUMBERS LIKE THEY MEAN ANYTHING. AT LEAST AFTER YOU GET DONE  
11 READING OUT THE NUMBERS, WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY HIKE? I MEAN  
12 THAT WOULD MEAN MORE TO THE PUBLIC. THEY WOULD KNOW. IT'S SO  
13 ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. THAT BEING SAID, I HELD ITEMS 1-D AND  
14 2-D, BECAUSE OF THE CHANGEOVER HERE. FIRST OF ALL, IN YOUR  
15 ACTION PLANS FOR YOUR C.D.B.G. FUNDS TWO YEARS AGO YOU HAD 14  
16 MILLION DOLLARS IN ROLLED OVER FUNDS. LAST YEAR YOU HAD 12  
17 MILLION DOLLARS ROLLED OVER FUNDS. SO THESE TRANSFERS THAT  
18 OCCUR, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE COUNTY WOULD END UP WITH  
19 THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAT THEY HAVE AS ROLLOVER FUNDS FOR  
20 C.D.B.G. FUNDS? I WENT TO A MEETING WHERE PEOPLE WERE BEGGING  
21 FOR C.D.B.G. FUNDS, AND THERE WASN'T ANY AVAILABLE. AND THIS  
22 TRANSFER OF FUNDS, REIMBURSABLE CONTRACT, THERE IS NO AMOUNT  
23 FOR TORRANCE THAT'S LISTED HERE. IT JUST -- THERE IS NO  
24 TRANSFER OF THE EXCHANGE, THE GENERAL TAX REVENUE EXCHANGE  
25 BETWEEN TORRANCE AND DUARTE. SO I'M WONDERING WHEN THESE



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1 CITIES GIVE UP THEIR C.D.B.G. FUNDS A AND B: A, WHAT DO THEY  
2 DO IF THEY NEED MORE FUNDING AND, B, IF THEY DONATE THEM IN  
3 THE FIRST PLACE WHY ARE THEY ALLOCATED OR IS IT JUST A  
4 PLACEHOLDER FOR YOU TO PLAY AROUND WITH? I HELD NUMBER 26,  
5 THAT'S 3.6 MILLION DOLLARS TOTAL FOR TRANSFERS IN THE HOSPITAL  
6 FOR PATIENT CARE FOR THIS ONE PARTICULAR HOSPITAL FOR A YEAR.  
7 THAT COMES TO ABOUT 300,000 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR THE HOSPITAL  
8 TO HAVE FOR ITS SERVICE. DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD CREATE A  
9 PROBLEM ANYWHERE? I HELD ITEM 32, IT MENTIONS 1996 PROP A  
10 FUNDS. AND METRO HAS I JUST READ AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR PROP A  
11 AND PROP C FUNDS. SO THAT'S A HALF-CENT SALES TAX, SUPPOSEDLY.  
12 SO I'M WONDERING WHAT PORTION OF THE PROP A FUNDS HERE FROM  
13 THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX ARE USED IN ITEM 32 OR HOW THAT CAN  
14 BE, I DON'T KNOW, EXPLAINED. FOR SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK  
15 PREPOSITIONS, WHY ARE YOU USING FUNDS THAT ARE HALF CENT-SALES  
16 TAX THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FOR TRANSIT PROGRAMS, HOW IT ENDS  
17 UP IN THE PARKS PROGRAM. THE REGISTRAR RECORDING CLERK, ENOUGH  
18 SAID ABOUT THAT, BUT LET ME JUST QUICKLY SAY HERE, THERE WAS A  
19 STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER, THIS IS WHAT BERNARD PARKS HAD TO SAY.  
20 "IT'S BEEN SAID THAT FACTS DO NOT CEASE TO EXIST BECAUSE  
21 THEY'VE BEEN IGNORED." KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU DISCUSS THE  
22 REGISTRAR RECORDING CLERK.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL THANK YOU, SIR.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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5   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
6   DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM GOING TO UTILIZE MOST OF MY TIME  
7   TO DEAL WITH S-1, BECAUSE IT IS SCANDALOUS THAT DR. KATZ HAVE  
8   NOT BEEN HERE TO REVIEW AND PRESENT THAT REPORT. THIS IS ONE  
9   OF THE MOST ABERRANT REPORT I HAVE SEEN IN MANY MONTHS, AND  
10   WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON AT U.S.C.? FOR IN THE REPORT, WHEN I  
11   SEE THAT THEY LOST 15 NURSES IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. BUT  
12   THE LANGUAGE THEY USE IS VERY TELLING. THE 15 NURSES WENT "OUT  
13   OF SERVICE". LIKE THEY ARE AN OLD BEAT UP CAR OR BUS, IT WENT  
14   OUT OF SERVICE. IT'S RIDICULOUS. I MEAN, TO EVEN USE THOSE  
15   WORDS TO DESCRIBE NURSING AND NURSES WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES  
16   TO PATIENTS IS ABERRANT. BUT THAT WILL EXPLAIN WHY YOU HAVE  
17   SUCH A HUGE TURNOVER AND PEOPLE LEAVING THAT WONDERFUL  
18   HOSPITAL, BECAUSE THEY ARE TREATED LIKE OBJECTS TO SAY "OH,  
19   THEY JUST WENT OUT OF SERVICE, EXCUSE ME." SOMETHING WRONG IN  
20   THAT PICTURE. BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE HEAD OF D.H.S. WHO HAVE NOT  
21   PROVIDED US WITH A TOTAL SCHEDULE, NEVER TOLD THE STAFFING  
22   PLAN. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR IT FOR ALMOST A YEAR. AND NONE  
23   OF YOU HAVE DEMANDED THAT HE GIVE IT TO YOU. AND YOU WERE  
24   SUPPOSED TO BUT IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO  
25   HAS EVER ASKED FOR YOU. FOR YOU TO ALL SIT DOWN TODAY AND



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1 ALLOW DR. KATZ NOT TO BE HERE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT'S  
2 GOING ON AT U.S.C. IS CRIMINAL. TO HAVE TO WAIT 10 HOURS AND  
3 SO MANY MINUTES TO SEE A DOCTOR AT U.S.C. IS ASININE. IT'S THE  
4 SAME THING. WE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING WITHOUT BEING SEEN.  
5 IS SOMETHING REALLY GOING ON? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WAKE UP  
6 AND DO SOMETHING? AND FOR THE OTHER ITEMS, I HAVE TO SPEAK TO  
7 TODAY, THREE ARE SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS AND SO ON. AVERAGE  
8 THINGS THAT YOU'RE DOING HERE. BUT IT'S VERY, VERY SAD. AND  
9 ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, WHEN U.S.C. OPEN, I WENT TO INTERVIEW MANY  
10 OF THE NURSES WHO WORK IN THAT HOSPITAL. AND THEY WERE  
11 EXCITED. THEY REALLY WANTED TO DO A GOOD JOB. THEY WERE PROUD  
12 TO WORK AT U.S.C. SO WHAT'S GOING ON? SO, ANYWAY, TODAY I GIVE  
13 YOU THE COPY OF THAT ARTICLE AGAIN BECAUSE THAT MIGHT REFRESH  
14 YOUR MEMORY THAT YOU HAVE BUILT A FANTASTIC HOSPITAL. MAKE  
15 SURE IT'S FUNCTIONING AND SERVES THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
16 LIKE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OSBEE SANGSTER ASKED TO  
19 BE HEARD ON ITEM 21 AND 25? IS OSBEE SANGSTER HERE? WOULD YOU  
20 PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND THEN YOU CAN SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE.  
21 THANK YOU. OKAY. START HER TIME.

22

23 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** I'M 21. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON 21 AND 25  
24 SEPARATELY. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 MR. FUJIOKA, STAFF AND GUESTS. MY NAME IS OSBEE SANGSTER. I'M





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1 A HOMEOWNER, TAXPAYER, RESIDING IN SERVICE AREA 3, THE COUNTY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES FIFTH DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS PURPOSE  
3 AND NEED. I COME TO PLEAD THE CAUSE OF THE POOR AND NEEDY AND  
4 THAT YOU JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY, SAFELY TRUSTING IN YOU. THE DAY  
5 AND TIME HAS COME TO TURN THE PAGE. I BESEECH YOU TO OPT IN  
6 THE SENIOR AND DISABLED CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT  
7 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY OPT-IN PROGRAM. THE RE-  
8 ENGINEERING OF THE PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT DEAL ASSEMBLY  
9 BILL 1718 AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER BOB BLUMENFIELD. FOR  
10 MORE THAN 30 YEARS, THE STATE PROGRAM HELPED THOUSANDS OF LOW  
11 AND MODERATE INCOME CALIFORNIANS REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES BY  
12 POSTPONING THEIR TAXES, RELYING ON AN ANNUAL GENERAL FUND  
13 SUPPORT AND DEFINITELY BY THE STATE BUDGET CUTS HAS SUSPENDED  
14 MORE THAN 5,000 NEEDY CALIFORNIANS VULNERABLE TO FORECLOSURE,  
15 EVICTIONS AND POTENTIAL VICTIMIZATION BY CON ARTISTS. ASSEMBLY  
16 BILL 1718 TO QUALIFY INDIVIDUALS MUST BE 62 OR OLDER, BLIND OR  
17 DISABLED WITH AN INCOME OF LESS THAN 35.5 OR LESS. MANY FORMER  
18 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CAN AFFORD THEIR MONTHLY MORTGAGE, BUT  
19 THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INCOME TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAX.  
20 WITHOUT THE PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT, THERE WILL BE MORE  
21 FORECLOSURES ONE BY ONE. I ASK THE BOARD THIS DAY TO MAKE  
22 CHANGE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE. WITH CONFIDENCE TO KNOW  
23 YOU'VE DONE THE RIGHT THING. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BLUMENFIELD HAS  
24 PROVIDED A PATHWAY. I ASK YOU TO LOOK AT THE LEGISLATION AND  
25 READ IT, EVERYONE TO LOOK AT THE LEGISLATION AND READ IT. AN



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1 ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROPERTY POSTPONEMENT PROGRAM. NOW IT'S UP  
2 TO YOU THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I  
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. SANGSTER.  
6 SACHI?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ITEMS BEFORE  
9 YOU. SO ITEM NUMBER S-1, WILL BE A RECEIVE AND FILE. ITEM  
10 NUMBER 1-D, 2-D, 1, ITEM NUMBER 3 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO  
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE, ITEM NUMBER 4, 5, 15 AND 20  
12 WILL BE BEFORE YOU, 22- EXCUSE ME, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27,  
13 31, 32, 35, 36, 39, 41, 42 WILL BE BEFORE YOU, AND ITEM 46  
14 WILL BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS AND ITEM NUMBER 53 IS BEFORE  
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
18 MOVES. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE  
19 ITEMS THAT REQUIRE A VOTE, ON THE CONTINUANCES, THEY WILL BE  
20 CONTINUED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

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3    **SUP. KNABE:** JUST ON THAT A.B.1718, CAN WE GET MR. ALSOP TO  
4    GIVE US A REPORT ON THE COUNTY POSITION? THANKS.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE UP.

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8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. PERMIT ME TO  
9    ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, CYNTHIA  
10   WINCHESTER WILLBURN BORN OCTOBER 2, 1952 IN LOS ANGELES AND  
11   PASSED ON AUGUST 27 AT THE AGE OF 59. SHE ATTENDED CALIFORNIA  
12   STATE UNIVERSITY AND WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13   SUPERIOR COURT FOR SOME 22 YEARS. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER  
14   OF THE VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH AND BECAME A MEMBER OF BRYANT  
15   TEMPLE A.M.E.. SHE LOVED HOME DESIGN AND DECOR AND WAS AN  
16   EVENT PLANNER IN HER SPARE TIME. SHE WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED  
17   FOR HER TENACITY, HER TALENT AND HER FAITH IN GOD. SHE IS  
18   SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, RONALD, HER BROTHER WILLIAM, HER  
19   SISTER SHEILA, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
20   FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HER. A COLLEAGUE, THE HONORABLE  
21   ED VINCENT, JR., BORN JUNE 23, 1934 IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, AND  
22   PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 31ST AT THE AGE OF 78. I ASK THAT ALL  
23   MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF  
24   IOWA ON AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP AND JOINED THE LOS ANGELES  
25   RAMS IN 1956. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNTIL 1959



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1 AND EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY-LOS  
2 ANGELES. HE WORKED AS A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE  
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IN 1979 HE WAS ELECTED TO THE  
4 INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THEN  
5 TO THE INGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL. HE BECAME THE MAYOR OF  
6 INGLEWOOD IN 1983 AND SERVED IN THAT POSITION FOR SOME 13  
7 YEARS. IN 1996, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
8 ASSEMBLY FOR THE 51ST DISTRICT, AND THE YEAR 2000, HE WAS  
9 ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA SENATE FOR THE 25TH DISTRICT. THE  
10 CITY OF INGLEWOOD NAMED A PARK IN HIS HONOR, AND HE WILL BE  
11 REMEMBERED FOR HIS CAUSE AND HIS STAND FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS. HE  
12 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARILYN, HIS DAUGHTERS, GRANDCHILDREN  
13 AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL  
14 MISS HIM DEARLY. THE HONORABLE EDWARD VINCENT, JR. ALL  
15 MEMBERS, MR. CHAIR. AND, FINALLY, MICHAEL CLARKE DUNCAN, BORN  
16 DECEMBER 10, 1957 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND PASSED AWAY ON  
17 SEPTEMBER 3RD AT THE AGE OF 54. HE ATTENDED ALCORN STATE  
18 UNIVERSITY IN MISSISSIPPI. AND IN 1995 RELOCATED TO LOS  
19 ANGELES TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF ACTING. HE STARTED WITH TV  
20 COMMERCIALS AND MADE HIS BIG SCREEN DEBUT WITH A WALK-ON ROLE  
21 IN THE MOVIE "FRIDAY." HE PLAYED VARIOUS ROLES ON TV AND  
22 STARTED IN MOVIES SUCH AS "ARMAGEDDON," "DAREDEVIL" AND "THE  
23 WHOLE NINE YARDS." HE WILL BE REMEMBERED MOST FONDLY FOR HIS  
24 OSCAR-NOMINATED PERFORMANCE AS JOHN COFFEY. A GENTLE GIANT,  
25 DEATH ROW INMATE IN THE MOVIE "THE GREEN MILE." HE IS SURVIVED



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1 BY HIS MOTHER JEAN, HIS SISTER JUDITH, HIS FIANCE, ORMAROSA,  
2 AND A HOST OF COLLEAGUES IN THE INDUSTRY AND FANS WHO WILL, IN  
3 FACT, MISS HIM VERY, VERY DEARLY. MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT CONCLUDES  
4 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO  
5 PROCEED TO--

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WITH YOUR PERMISSION,  
10 I'D LIKE TO PROCEED TO ITEM NUMBER 2, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT  
11 PERTAINS TO CROSSOVER YOUTH. THIS MOTION FOCUSES ON ENHANCING  
12 SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH AND PREVENTING CROSSOVER  
13 INTO PROBATION. I THINK THE DATA IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. IT MAKES  
14 IT A COMPELLING TAKES FOR OUR NEED TO FOCUS ON THIS  
15 POPULATION. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF  
16 12 AND 18 WHO ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM ARE IN DANGER  
17 CROSSING OVER TO THE PROBATION SYSTEM. ROUGHLY 100 YOUTH IN  
18 D.C.F.S. CUSTODY ARE ARRESTED AS SUCH EACH MONTH. AND  
19 ACCORDING TO A RELATIVELY RECENT REPORT, THAT IS LAST YEAR,  
20 THESE YOUTH EXPERIENCED THE WORST OUTCOMES AND REQUIRE THE  
21 HIGHEST LEVEL OF PUBLIC SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FIRST  
22 FOUR YEARS OF ADULthood. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THE COST TO  
23 THE COUNTY FOR THE SERVICES THAT ARE EXTENDED TO THESE  
24 CROSSOVER YOUTH IS TWICE PLUS THAT OF WHICH IS THE CASE FOR  
25 OTHER YOUNGSTERS WHO MOVE THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICES IN CHILD



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1 WELFARE SYSTEMS. SO IT IS THE FOCUS OF MANY THAT WE TAKE A  
2 VERY CLOSE LOOK IN TERMS OF PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.  
3 D.C.F.S. DEVELOPED THE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PILOT PROJECT  
4 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS AND THE  
5 CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTER. AND THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED IN  
6 FOUR OFFICES CURRENTLY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES: COMPTON,  
7 GLENDORA, PALMDALE AND SOUTH COUNTY. IT USES AN ASSESSMENT  
8 TOOL TO IDENTIFY THOSE YOUTH MOST AT RISK OF CROSSING OVER.  
9 IT IS DIAGNOSTIC IN NATURE AND VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS.  
10 THIS PROJECT IS SET TO LAUNCH. THE STAFF TRAININGS AND THE  
11 LIKE ARE UNDERWAY. AND D.C.F.S. BELIEVES THAT THIS PROJECT  
12 NEEDS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE WHO ARE  
13 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE ON EACH SITE. THE JUVENILE  
14 COURT SPECIFICALLY JUDGE NASH WITH THE HELP OF D.C.F.S. AGAIN  
15 HAS DEVELOPED THE 241.1 PROJECT, WHICH WOULD EXTEND TO ALL  
16 CHILDREN IN SOME 17 COURTS. AND THE PROJECT WILL BE EVALUATED  
17 APPROPRIATELY IN OCTOBER. PERSONS ARE HERE WHO ARE PREPARED TO  
18 SPEAK TO THE EVALUATIVE TOOLS, BUT THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS  
19 SHOW THE APPROACH IS WORKING AND HAVING THE DESIRED RESULTS  
20 AND OUTCOMES. AND SO ONCE AGAIN, OUR OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO  
21 CAUSE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES LED BY THE C.E.O. TO FOCUS ON  
22 THIS MATTER, BRING BACK THE APPROPRIATE REPORTS AS IT'S  
23 INSTRUCTED SO THAT OUR WORK ON THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THIS  
24 PARTICULAR POPULATION, IS ENHANCED. THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT  
25 IT. OUR CAPACITY IS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS IT. AND I THINK WE ARE





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1 INDEED OBLIGED TO DO IT. SO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 MENTAL HEALTH, ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AND AS I INDICATED,  
3 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER THEN NEED TO BE BACK IN FRONT OF  
4 US IN A 30-DAY PERIOD EXPLAINING IN DETAIL HOW WE MOVE FORWARD  
5 TO ACCOMPLISH THE BOARD'S STATED WISHES AND DESIRES. MR.  
6 CHAIRMAN.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.  
11 AT THE END OF NUMBER 1 TO INCLUDE "INCORPORATING THE M.H.S.A.  
12 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS IF NEEDED AND FURTHER REMOVE THE -- THAT  
13 THE DIRECTORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES  
14 AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CONCURRENTLY WORK WITH COUNTY  
15 COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO IDENTIFY FUNDS AND  
16 EXPEDITE A PROCESS THAT COMPORTS WITH STATE LAW TO SUPPORT  
17 THESE PROGRAMS."

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I UNDERSTAND MARV ISN'T  
24 HERE, BUT DR. KAY TO COME FORWARD, PLEASE, ROBIN KAY.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. SOUTHARD? ROBIN, OKAY.

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3    **SUP. KNABE:** I, TOO, HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. BUT I'LL ASK  
4    SOME QUESTIONS FIRST.

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6    **ROBIN KAY:** ROBIN KAY, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S  
7    DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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9    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. WELCOME. I THINK WE ALL SUPPORT THE  
10    EXPANSION OF THESE CROSSOVER YOUTH, THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.  
11    MY CONCERN IS, AS WELL AS OTHERS, THAT OVER THE LAST SEVERAL  
12    WEEKS ABOUT HOW THESE M.H.S.A. DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT FROM  
13    THE COUNTY. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY FRUSTRATED, AS OTHERS,  
14    THAT WE CANNOT GET THESE DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR MORE QUICKLY.  
15    NOW WITH THE STATE CALLING FOR AUDITS, I'M CONCERNED THAT  
16    WE'RE GOING DOWN THE SAME PATH AS FIRST FIVE DID. SO I GUESS  
17    FIRST QUESTION IS: HOW MUCH OF THESE M.H.S.A. FUNDS ARE STILL  
18    REMAIN UNSPENT?

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20    **ROBIN KAY:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS CURRENTLY 19 MILLION DOLLARS  
21    IN CUMULATIVE UNSPENT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS DOLLARS.  
22    YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT M.H.S.A. HAS A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
23    PROGRAM COMPONENTS. THE C.S.S. COMPONENT WAS THE FIRST FOR  
24    WHICH THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES STATE REGULATIONS AND  
25    INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION. SO, OVER THE LAST -- FROM



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1 FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 TO FISCAL YEAR '10-'11 WE'VE ACCUMULATED  
2 19 MILLION DOLLARS IN UNSPENT C.S.S. DOLLARS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE  
3 TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE OVERALL M.H.S.A. ALLOCATION FROM THE  
4 STATE HAS DECREASED IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, FROM A HIGH OF  
5 255 MILLION DOLLARS TO THIS PAST YEAR A LOW OF 210 MILLION  
6 DOLLARS. AND SO WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 MENTAL HEALTH HAS PROJECTED THE ROLL-FORWARD OF THOSE UNSPENT  
8 19 MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT WE DON'T CURTAIL  
9 PROGRAMS DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE M.H.S.A.  
10 REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE STATE ARE BELOW THE ANNUAL ON  
11 ONGOING LEVEL OF 255 MILLION DOLLARS. WE EXPEND TO FULLY  
12 EXPEND THAT 19 MILLION DOLLARS BETWEEN NOW AND 2014-'15, THE  
13 POINT AT WHICH THE M.H.S.A. REVENUES GO BACK UP TO THEIR  
14 BASELINE OF 255 MILLION DOLLARS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THESE UNSPENT FUNDS TO BE  
17 SPENT?

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19 **ROBIN KAY:** THE UNSPENT FUNDS WILL BE ROLLED FORWARD IN OUR  
20 BUDGET, WHICH IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER M.H.S.A. SO THAT WE CAN USE  
21 THEM INSTEAD OF CURTAILING PROGRAMS THAT ARE DELIVERING  
22 SERVICES TO CLIENTS IN LOS ANGELES.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THERE'S ALSO SOME PRETTY HEAVY ALLEGATIONS OUT  
2   THERE THAT THE FUNDING FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH HAS ACTUALLY  
3   DECREASED, IS THAT TRUE?

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5   **ROBIN KAY:** I CAN TELL YOU -- I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE QUESTION,  
6   SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE ANSWER TO  
7   THAT IS NO. ALTHOUGH M.H.S.A. FUNDS HAVE DECREASED OVER THE  
8   LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE HAVE NOT DECREASED OUR SPENDING AND  
9   OUR ALLOCATIONS FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. AND, ACTUALLY, I DO  
10  HAVE SOME NUMBERS. WHEN WE LOOK AT GROSS PROGRAM COSTS, THAT'S  
11  THE ACTUAL AMOUNT THAT WE'RE SPENDING ON SERVICES TO CHILDREN  
12  AND YOUTH, THE OVERALL ACTUAL SIZE OF THE M.H.S.A. PROGRAM FOR  
13  TRANSITION AGE YOUTH AND CHILDREN HAVE INCREASED. AND SO FOR  
14  EXAMPLE IN FISCAL YEAR '08-'09, THE GROSS PROGRAM THAT  
15  INCLUDES THE M.H.S.A. DOLLARS PLUS REVENUE FOR TRANSITION AGE  
16  YOUTH WAS 26.6 MILLION DOLLARS. THE CHILDREN'S GROSS PROGRAM  
17  WAS 29.1 MILLION DOLLARS. BUY THE END OF LAST YEAR, WITH SOME  
18  OF THE YEAR'S REVENUE NOT REPORTED YET, OUR DATA SHOWS THAT  
19  THE TAPE PROGRAM THE GROSS PROGRAM TOTALED 85.7 MILLION  
20  DOLLARS AND THE CHILDREN'S GROSS PROGRAM WAS 212.3 MILLION  
21  DOLLARS FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 298 MILLION DOLLARS. ANOTHER  
22  WAY TO LOOK AT IT IS IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES. IN '08-'09, THE  
23  CHILDREN'S GROSS EXPENDITURES WERE 16 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
24  EXPENDITURES FOR THE M.H.S.A. PROGRAM. TAY REPRESENTED 15  
25  PERCENT OF THAT BUCKET. FOR A TOTAL OF 31 PERCENT OF THE



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1 EXPENDITURES. AND IN THE LAST YEAR, IN '11-'12, CHILDREN'S  
2 EXPENDITURES REPRESENTED 39 PERCENT OF THE DOLLARS THAT WE  
3 ACTUALLY SPENT ON M.H.S.A. PROGRAMS TRANSITION AGE YOUTH  
4 REPRESENTED 16 PERCENT FOR A TOTAL COMBINED 55 PERCENT OF THE  
5 TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR M.H.S.A.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MAYBE YOU COULD ALSO EXPLAIN THE  
8 PRUDENT RESERVE ISSUE, HOW MUCH IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THAT  
9 PARTICULAR?

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11 **ROBIN KAY:** SURE. WHEN THE VOTERS PASSED -- OR THE PEOPLE THAT  
12 CRAFTED M.H.S.A. UNDERSTOOD THAT IN FUTURE YEARS REVENUE HAD  
13 THE POTENTIAL TO GO DOWN AND SO THEY PLANNED FOR THAT. AND THE  
14 WAY THEY DID THAT WAS TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
15 COUNTIES WOULD SET-ASIDE A PRUDENT RESERVE. IT'S FUNDED WITH  
16 UNSPENT ONE-TIME FUNDING RESULTING FROM DELAYS THAT WE INCUR  
17 IN RAMPING UP THESE NEW PROGRAMS. FOR EACH M.H.S.A. COMPONENT,  
18 THERE'S A MANDATORY STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT CAN TAKE AND HAS  
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ABOUT A YEAR FOLLOWED BY PLAN APPROVAL  
20 AND THEN IMPLEMENTATION. WELL DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME,  
21 THERE ARE UNSPENT DOLLARS, THEY'RE ONE-TIME DOLLARS, AND THE  
22 STATE, THE M.H.S.A. REQUIREMENT IS THAT THESE FUNDS BE PUT IN  
23 A PRUDENT RESERVE TO COVER THOSE PERIODS IN WHICH REVENUES  
24 WOULD DECREASE SO THAT COUNTIES WOULDN'T HAVE TO CUT SERVICES  
25 TO CLIENTS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. THE RECOMMENDATION



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1 FROM THE STATE INITIALLY IS THAT COUNTIES SET ASIDE ABOUT 50  
2 PERCENT OF THE C.S.S. FUNDING FOR M.H.S.A., WHICH AS I  
3 MENTIONED BEFORE AT ITS HEIGHT WAS 255 MILLION DOLLARS FOR LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY. AND SO WE DID THAT. WE SET ASIDE 127.5 MILLION  
5 DOLLARS IN THE PRUDENT RESERVE TO COVER YEARS IN WHICH THERE  
6 IS A SHORTFALL, WHICH ACTUALLY WE'VE EXPERIENCE THAT HAD  
7 SHORTFALL LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR. AND SO WE HAVE TALKED WITH  
8 THE BOARD ABOUT USE OF SOME PRUDENT RESERVE FUNDS TO COVER  
9 SOME OF THE EXPANSION FOR PROJECTS AND ISSUES THAT THE BOARD  
10 HAS FELT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ADDRESS.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I DO HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I'M NOT  
13 SURE HOW THIS PLAYS INTO WHAT MIKE-- I DIDN'T SEE MIKE'S  
14 MOTION. BUT ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS THE COMMISSION  
15 ON MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUES TO PLAY A VERY KEY ROLE IN ALL  
16 THESE FUNDING EXPENDITURES, AND SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
17 THEIR ROLE AS THE COUNTY'S OVERSEER ARE INVOLVED IN THIS AND  
18 NOT REALLY BRUSHED ASIDE. I KNOW THIS IS BEING DRIVEN BY ONE  
19 COMMISSION VERSUS ANOTHER, BUT I WOULD MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR  
20 OF MENTAL HEALTH TO CONCURRENTLY WORK WITH BOTH THE COUNTY  
21 COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT COMPORTS WITH  
22 THE STATE LAW FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF THESE DOLLARS OF  
23 FUNDING BUT TO DO SO IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY'S  
24 COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH.





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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU ACCEPT THAT?

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FINE.

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER BOARD DISCUSSION? WE  
6    HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD, MEMBERS OF THE  
7    PUBLIC? MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I HAVE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. AND  
10    THEY ARE, IN PART, CONNECTED WITH THE RESPONSES FROM THE  
11    DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT,  
12    PURSUANT TO THE AMENDMENT FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE, THAT THE  
13    ENTITIES THAT YOU JUST NAMED, THAT THERE IS A FAIR AMOUNT OF  
14    NEED FOR CLARIFICATION. DR. KAY JUST GAVE US A PRETTY  
15    EXTENSIVE VERBAL IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S QUESTIONS.  
16    THAT OUGHT TO BE A FORMAL RESPONSE, AND I WOULD HEREBY REQUEST  
17    SUCH. THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I BELIEVE, OWE US A  
18    CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF THE LAW SINCE THERE IS SOME DEBATE AS  
19    TO WHAT THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT IS AND TO  
20    WHAT EXTENT THAT OUGHT TO HAVE MORE CLOSE INVOLVEMENT AND  
21    DIRECT INPUT FROM THE BOARD ITSELF. THERE IS A SET OF  
22    QUESTIONS INVOLVED THERE. AND I WISH FOR COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
23    OPINE ON THAT. SO FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD'S  
24    EDIFICATION. THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST. THANK YOU, MR.  
25    CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU GOT THAT? OKAY. I WOULD  
3 CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. AND THIS ITEM IS GOING TO BE  
4 CONTINUED FOR 30 DAYS, SO TO THE EXTENT --

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ITEM ISN'T GOING TO BE CONTINUED. THE  
7 REQUEST FOR --

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, FOR THE REPORT BACK,  
10 YOU'RE CORRECT. I STAND CORRECTED. ALL RIGHT. NEVER MIND.  
11 LAURA STREIMER, MARTHA MATTHEWS, CAROL BIONDI, AND DENISE  
12 HERZ? OKAY. GO AHEAD. IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

13

14 **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO WAIT FOR THE OTHER  
15 SPEAKERS?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, PLEASE START.

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19 **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** I'M MARTHA MATTHEWS, I'M THE DIRECTING  
20 ATTORNEY OF THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT AT PUBLIC COUNCIL.  
21 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY THANKS TO SUPERVISOR MARK  
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE  
23 SPECIFIC POPULATION OF YOUTH WITH WHOM WE WORK. WE HAVE  
24 PROJECTS IN FREEMONT AND ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL TO ASSIST  
25 FOSTER YOUTH TO GRADUATE AND GO ON TO COLLEGE. WE HAVE



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1 PROGRAMS IN THE KENYAN AND INGLEWOOD JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
2 COURTS FOCUSING ON THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF YOUTH WHO HAVE  
3 DELINQUENCY CHARGES. SO WE'RE ALREADY WORKING WITH THESE YOUTH  
4 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE SEE A TREMENDOUS NEED TO EXPAND  
5 THIS SPECIFIC PROGRAM BECAUSE IT CATCHES YOUTH AT A POINT  
6 WHERE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS A PARENT, NEEDS SOME HELP.  
7 YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE A TEENAGER AND YOUR TEENAGER GETS  
8 ARRESTED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND PICKS UP A CHARGE, THAT'S A  
9 BIG WAKEUP CALL. FOR FOSTER YOUTH, THAT WAKEUP CALL COMES TO  
10 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO IS THEIR PARENT, NOT MAYBE  
11 DOING AS GOOD A JOB SUPERVISING THAT CHILD AS THE COUNTY  
12 SHOULD BE. SO IT IS A CRITICAL INTERVENTION POINT WHERE A  
13 FOSTER YOUTH FACES A FORK IN THE ROAD. THE FOSTER YOUTH COULD  
14 GET SOME SUPPORT, REENGAGE WITH SCHOOL, ADDRESS UNMET SPECIAL  
15 EDUCATION NEEDS, UNMET MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, UNMET NEEDS FOR  
16 MENTORING AND GUIDANCE, GO ON TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL AND  
17 PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN, OR THAT FOSTER YOUTH COULD SINK DEEPER AND  
18 DEEPER INTO DELINQUENCY AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,  
19 HOMELESSNESS, ALL THE POOR OUTCOMES THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
20 PENNSYLVANIA REPORT TALKED ABOUT. SO THAT POINT AT WHICH A  
21 FOSTER YOUTH PICKS UP A CHARGE AND IS ABOUT TO CROSS OVER, OR  
22 D.C.F.S. IS NOW LOOKING EARLIER TO FOSTER YOUTH WHERE THEY  
23 HAVEN'T YET BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED BUT THEY'RE KIND OF  
24 HEADED IN THAT DIRECTION. THAT'S A CRITICAL INTERVENTION  
25 POINT. AND IT IS A GOOD IDEA FOR THE COUNTY TO INVEST MONEY IN



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1 A REALLY HOLISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE FOCUS ON THOSE YOUTH,  
2 WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN THE MOTION AS THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM  
3 PROCESS RATHER THAN SPENDING A WHOLE LOT MORE MONEY LATER.  
4 IT'S ALSO A REALLY GOOD IDEA AS INCLUDED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
5 THOMAS'S MOTION TO HAVE A RIGOROUS EVALUATION OF OUTCOMES.  
6 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY YOU DON'T WANT A PROGRAM THAT LIKE OH LET'S  
7 HELP THESE YOUTH BUT THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT REALLY HELPED  
8 AND TO WHAT EXTENT. SO WE'RE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
9 MOTION AND SORT OF FOCUSING SOME OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS,  
10 WHETHER IT BE M.H.S.A. FUNDS OR SOME OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDING  
11 SOURCE, TO RAMP UP THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM COUNTY-WIDE. THANK  
12 YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LAURA STREAMER?

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16 **LAURA STREIMER:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LAURA STREIMER. I'M  
17 AT THE LEGAL DIRECTOR AT THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.  
18 WE ARE A NONPROFIT THAT WORK ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE  
19 AND THOSE THAT HAVE AGED OUT OF THE SYSTEM. WE ARE CURRENTLY A  
20 PARTICIPANT AS AN EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT AT THE M.D.T. THAT'S  
21 CURRENTLY WORKING OUT OF COMPTON AND WE ALSO DO A TREMENDOUS  
22 AMOUNT OF S.S.I. ADVOCACY TO CONNECT YOUTH WHO LEAVE BOTH  
23 FOSTER AND THE PROBATION SYSTEMS WITH UNTREATED AND  
24 UNDIAGNOSED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN THEIR  
25 HOMELESSNESS WHEN THEY LEAVE THE SYSTEM. WE WANT TO THANK



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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS MOTION, WHICH SEEKS TO  
2 SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EFFORTS DEDICATED TO THE MOST  
3 VULNERABLE OF YOUTH IN COUNTY CARE. I WOULD ECHO ALL THAT MS.  
4 MATTHEWS SAID. AND WITHOUT REITERATING ALL OF THAT, I WOULD  
5 SIMPLY LIKE TO ADD THAT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE  
6 THAT IN ADDITION TO THE STATISTICS THAT I THINK YOU'RE ALL  
7 AWARE OF, THAT WE'RE FUND BIDE THE CONRAD HILTON AND ITS STUDY  
8 THAT SPOKE TO THE REALLY DISMAL OUTCOMES OF YOUTH WHO CROSS  
9 OVER. WE THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT UP TO 70  
10 PERCENT OF THOSE YOUTH IT'S ESTIMATED HAVE SUFFERED FROM AN  
11 UNTREATED AND UNDIAGNOSED MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. AND THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S OWN WEBSITE INDICATES THAT UP TO  
13 70 PERCENT OF THE 18,000 CHILDREN THAT ARE IN JUVENILE HALL  
14 HAVE AN UNDIAGNOSED OR UNTREATED OR UNDERTREATED MENTAL HEALTH  
15 ISSUES. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERATION OF THE  
16 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THAT MIGHT COME FROM,  
17 TO THE STAFFING OF THE M.D.T.S UP FRONT WITH A PSYCHIATRIC  
18 SOCIAL WORKER OR OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, WE THINK  
19 THAT'S A CRITICAL ADDITION TO THE M.D.T.S. WE THINK THEY NEED  
20 TO BE AT THE TABLE AND SUPPORT THIS MOTION FULLY.

21  
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DENISE? YEAH, SINCE  
23 YOU'RE ALREADY SITTING THERE. GO AHEAD.

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25 **DENISE HERZ:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME STOP YOU FOR A SECOND.

3 WE'LL START HER TIME OVER. CAN I ASK THE TWO OF YOU TO VACATE

4 THE SEATS SO WE CAN LET CAROL, DO YOU WANT TO SIT IN ONE OF

5 THOSE SEATS? YOU'LL BE NEXT AND LET ME CALL UP TWO OTHERS:

6 PATRICIA CURRY AND HELEN KLEINBERG?

7

8 **DENISE HERZ:** OKAY. MY NAME IS DENISE HERZ, I'M A PROFESSOR AT

9 CAL STATE L.A. AND THE SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND

10 CRIMINALISTICS. I'VE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF WORKING WITH

11 JUDGE NASH PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW, AT

12 LEAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF THE

13 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM AS WELL AS OTHER RESEARCH-RELATED

14 ISSUES. AND SO THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT. SO I'M HERE

15 TODAY TO REINFORCE WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED IN

16 THE BEGINNING OF HIS SPEECH THAT RESEARCH NOT ONLY IN LOS

17 ANGELES BUT NATIONWIDE BY ESTEEMED RESEARCHERS SUCH AS WHITHAM

18 SPATS AND HER COLLEAGUES AND TERRANCE THORNBURY AND HIS

19 COLLEAGUES SHOW THAT CROSSOVER YOUTH HAVE WORSE OUTCOMES THAN

20 THE GENERAL POPULATION FROM THOSE YOUTH THAT ARE ONLY IN THE

21 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND THOSE YOUTH WHO ARE ONLY IN

22 PROBATION. THAT IS AN ESTABLISHED, I AM A RESEARCHER SO I

23 CAN'T SAY FACT, BUT WE DO NOT FIND ANY CONTRARY RESULTS TO

24 THAT. AND THERE'S BEEN QUITE A BIT OF ATTENTION TO IT. WHEN WE

25 LOOK AT WHAT THESE CHILDREN NEED, THEY ARE CLEARLY FALLING





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1 INTO THE GAPS IN BETWEEN SYSTEMS AND NOT RECEIVING THE  
2 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, PARTICULARLY AROUND MENTAL HEALTH AND  
3 EDUCATION. I'M GOING TALK ABOUT THE M.D.T. QUICKLY AND FIRST  
4 BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MOST DATA WITH THE M.D.T. THE  
5 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM, WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING FOR MANY YEARS  
6 NOW. AND WE CONTINUE TO TRACK. AND WE'LL HAVE EVEN MORE DENSE  
7 DATA OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. BUT THUS FAR WITH THE RESULTS  
8 THAT WE HAVE, WE SEE THAT THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM REPORTS  
9 ARE MUCH MORE DENSE, MUCH MORE THOROUGH, INSIGHTFUL,  
10 ESPECIALLY AROUND EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ALTHOUGH  
11 MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUES TO BE A STRUGGLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT  
12 COMES TO ACCESSING APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT MATCH THEIR NEED.  
13 WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE LOWER RECIDIVISM RATES, THE M.D.T.  
14 COMPARED TO NON-M.D.T. YOUTH. WE KNOW THAT THE M.D.T. YOUTH  
15 GET BETTER OUTCOMES IN TERMS OF THEIR DISPOSITIONS. THEY ARE  
16 LESS LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR CHILD WELFARE STATUS. AND WE KNOW  
17 THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS A CRITICAL PIECE TO MORE SUCCESS. FROM  
18 THE DATA, MULTIPLE BATCHES OF DATA, WE KNOW THAT THESE YOUTH  
19 RANGE FROM 82 PERCENT TO 96 PERCENT HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH  
20 AND/OR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM. SO THIS IS CLEARLY AN ISSUE,  
21 ESPECIALLY COMBINED WITH EDUCATIONAL ISSUES. AND, FINALLY,  
22 WITH MY REMAINING SECONDS, I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT I WAS  
23 INVOLVED IN THE INITIAL DISCUSSION AND PLANNING FOR THE  
24 PREVENTION SCREENING TOOL. AND THAT SCREENING TOOL WAS  
25 DEVELOPED IN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF RESEARCH. SO, MANY TIMES



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1 A JURISDICTION WILL CREATE A SCREEN TOOL BASED UPON WHAT THEY  
2 THINK IS RELATED TO THE OUTCOME. IN THIS CASE, CROSSING OVER  
3 AND HAVING AN ARREST. IN THIS CASE, CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER  
4 USE THE STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING DATA, AND WE CONNECTED THAT  
5 WITH PROBATION DATA TO ACTUALLY SEE WHICH ELEMENTS WERE  
6 RELATED TO A FUTURE ARREST IN THE THREE YEARS AFTER THEY WERE  
7 IDENTIFIED. THAT IS INCREDIBLE. EMPIRICALLY, IT IS EXTREMELY  
8 STRONG. WE JUST NEED THE SERVICES ONCE THOSE YOUTH ARE  
9 IDENTIFIED AS HIGH RISK.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CAROL BIONDI.

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13 **CAROL BIONDI:** YES, MY NAME IS CAROL BIONDI, I'M THE CHAIR OF  
14 THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION CROSSOVER COMMITTEE. FOR SOME TIME  
15 NOW WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION ON  
16 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO CROSS OVER  
17 FROM DEPENDENCY TO THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. BEFORE CAL  
18 REMINGTON ARRIVED IN L.A. TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO ON ANY  
19 GIVEN DAY THERE WERE 4,000 INCARCERATED YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY  
20 IN 19 LOCKED FACILITIES. TODAY THAT NUMBER IS NEARLY HALF  
21 BECAUSE OF PROGRAM AND POLICY REFORMS IN THE PROBATION  
22 DEPARTMENT AND IN THE JUVENILE COURTS. IMPLEMENTING THE  
23 PROGRAMS PROPOSED IN THIS MOTION AT D.C.F.S. AND IN THE COURTS  
24 WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDING JUDGE NASH, CHIEF POWERS  
25 AND DIRECTOR BROWNING WILL INSURE THAT THOSE NUMBERS WILL



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1 CONTINUE TO GO DOWN, RESULTING IN TREMENDOUS COST SAVINGS FOR  
2 THE COUNTY AND HUMAN SAVINGS FOR FAMILIES. WE MUST CONTINUE TO  
3 DO EVERYTHING WE KNOW THAT WORKS TO PROVIDE THESE TROUBLED  
4 CHILDREN WHAT THEY NEED TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ADULT LIFE. THESE  
5 PROGRAMS WORK. AND AS DENISE JUST TOLD YOU, THE PRELIMINARY  
6 RESULTS ARE SHOWING VERY POSITIVE OUTCOMES. THE EVALUATION  
7 REQUIRED IN THIS MOTION WILL JUST CONTINUE TO IMPROVE ON THAT  
8 AND PROVE IT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I URGE THE  
9 BOARD THAT SOME OF THE UNSPENT OF MILLIONS IN THE M.H.S.A.  
10 FUNDS IN THE CHILDREN AND TAY ALLOCATIONS IS USED FOR THESE  
11 PROVEN STRATEGIES THAT WILL PREVENT YOUTH FROM CROSSING OVER  
12 FROM FOSTER CARE TO DELINQUENCY AND TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE  
13 RESPONSES NEEDED FOR THOSE THAT DO FIND THEMSELVES IN  
14 DELINQUENCY COURT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LET ME JUST CALL  
17 GENEVRA BERGER AND JERRY LUBIN TO COME UP. AND PATRICIA CURRY.

18

19 **PATRICIA CURRY:** PATRICIA CURRY, I'M CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION  
20 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I WANT TO START BY THANKING  
21 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE ON  
22 THIS. IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT GROUP OF KIDS THAT SEEM TO GET  
23 LOOKED OVER QUITE OFTEN AND I THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
24 FOR FINALLY BRINGING, YOU KNOW, THEM TO THE SURFACE. I WANT TO  
25 THANK THE C.E.O. FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN WORKING



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1 WITH THE HILTON FOUNDATION TO DO THE RESEARCH REPORT THAT  
2 REALLY SPELLS OUT WHAT THE NEEDS OF THESE KIDS ARE AND THE  
3 COSTS TO COUNTY IF THEY IGNORE THE NEEDS OF THESE KIDS. AND  
4 THANKS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND HIS STAFF FOR THE AMENDMENT  
5 AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS GROUP. I THINK THAT YOU'VE  
6 HEARD FROM DENISE, WHO'S TALKED ABOUT THE OUTCOME. SHE'S BEEN  
7 WORKING ON THIS 12, 13 YEARS, AS HAVE I. AND CAROL AND OTHERS  
8 HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET SERVICES FOR THESE KIDS FOR A LONG  
9 TIME. THE 241.1 PILOT PROJECT AND THE PREVENTION PROJECT ARE  
10 BOTH BASED ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS. AND THOSE OF YOU THAT  
11 HAVE BEEN FANS OF TEAM SPORTS OR PLAY TEAM SPORTS KNOW THAT  
12 YOU CAN'T HAVE A SUCCESSFUL TEAM UNLESS ALL THE PLAYERS ON THE  
13 TEAM ARE AT THE TABLE. AND WE DON'T HAVE ONE OF THE MOST  
14 IMPORTANT PLAYERS, WHICH IS MENTAL HEALTH. THEY'RE NOT AT THE  
15 TABLE. THEY WERE IN THE PILOT. BUT AS THE PILOT WENT COUNTY-  
16 WIDE AND THE PREVENTION PILOT HAS BEGUN, WE DON'T HAVE THE  
17 MENTAL HEALTH TEAM PLAYERS THERE. DENISE TALKED ABOUT HER  
18 EVALUATIONS AND THE POSITIVE OUTCOMES. THOSE POSITIVE OUTCOMES  
19 CAN'T BE HAD WITHOUT HAVING THE WHOLE TEAM ON THE PLAYING  
20 FIELD. AND WE JUST SIMPLY DON'T HAVE IT. SO I JUST THANK YOU  
21 FOR LOOKING AT THIS. THANK YOU FOR REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF  
22 IT. AND THANKS FOR HELPING THE KIDS. I ALSO WANTED TO JUST, IF  
23 YOU COULD, I DIDN'T BRING COPIES BECAUSE I HADN'T ANTICIPATED  
24 HANDING THESE OUT, BUT IF YOU COULD GIVE ONE COPY TO  
25 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND ONE TO SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. HELEN KLEINBERG.

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4 **HELEN KLEINBERG:** I'M HELEN KLEINBERG FROM THE COMMISSION OF  
5 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE  
6 CONSIDERATION YOU'RE GIVING TO THIS MOTION. I'VE BEEN AROUND A  
7 LONG TIME, AS YOU ALL KNOW. AND THIS POPULATION OF ADOLESCENTS  
8 IS REALLY A GROUP THAT WE'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN ABLE TO WORK  
9 WITH AND TO DO WHAT THEY REALLY NEED. AND I THINK WE'RE  
10 LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT A TIME WHEN WE THINK WE'VE GOT AN ANSWER.  
11 AND WE'VE GOT AN ANSWER THAT'S PREVENTION. AND WE'VE GOT AN  
12 ANSWER THAT REALLY LOOKS AT THE CHILD AND LOOKING AT WHAT THE  
13 CHILD NEEDS. WHEN I STARTED HERE A LONG TIME AGO, WE HAD A LOT  
14 OF CHILDREN WHO WERE IN GROUP HOMES. MANY MORE THAN WE HAVE  
15 NOW. AND THE DEAL WAS THAT IF THE KID GOT IN TROUBLE, YOU  
16 CALLED THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. AND THE THEME WAS THAT THE KIDS  
17 HAD TO HAVE CONSEQUENCES. AND THAT THESE CHILDREN WOULD NOT  
18 LEARN ANYTHING AND WE COULD NEVER STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT UNLESS  
19 WE ACTUALLY HAD VERY STRONG CONSEQUENCES. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT  
20 REALLY HAS NOT WORKED. AND IF YOU'VE BEEN OUT TO PROBATION  
21 DEPARTMENT AND YOU'VE BEEN OUT TO THE CAMPS, AS MOST OF US  
22 HAVE, AND TALKED WITH THESE KIDS AND TALKED TO THE STAFF,  
23 THERE ARE LOTS OF KIDS OUT THERE THAT THE STAFF EVEN SAYS TO  
24 YOU: THESE CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME HERE AND THEY'RE  
25 GOING TO HAVE A LONG WAY BACK TO TRY TO MAKE IT BACK AND TO



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1 FIND A WAY AS ADULTS. WE THINK THIS IS REALLY A VERY STRONG  
2 PROPOSAL. WE THINK THIS IS ACTUALLY GOING TO WORK AND THAT IT  
3 HAS ALL THE EVALUATIVE COMPONENTS IN IT. AND I THINK WE SHOULD  
4 BE REALLY EXCITED AND CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT WE'VE FINALLY  
5 COME TO A POINT WHERE WE'VE GOT D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION AND  
6 MENTAL HEALTH COMING ALONG, WE HOPE, AND THE COURT LOOKING AT  
7 THIS AND SAYING: WE GOT TO DO SOMETHING FOR THESE KIDS AND WE  
8 GOT TO DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT FOR THEM BECAUSE IT HELPS THEM  
9 AND IT HELPS ALL OF US. SO WE THANK YOU ALL FOR LOOKING AT  
10 THIS VERY SERIOUSLY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GENEVRA  
13 BERGER?

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15 **GENEVRA BERGER:** GENE BERGER FROM THE COMMISSION OF CHILDREN  
16 AND FAMILIES AND I'M ALSO A VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.  
17 WELL, COMING ALONG LATER IN THIS SPEAKING PROCESS,  
18 EVERYTHING'S BEEN SAID. BUT I TOTALLY AGREE WITH. I WON'T  
19 REPEAT IT ALL. I WILL TELL YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THE  
20 WAY WE CAME UP WITH THIS. WE DID HAVE A LITTLE PROCESS. THE  
21 COMMISSION CHAIR HAD APPOINTED TWO YEARS AGO A WORKGROUP THAT  
22 I CO-CHAIRLED ALONG WITH SUSAN FRIEDMAN, WHO WILL ALSO SPEAK  
23 TODAY. WE DID A LOT OF RESEARCH INTO M.H.S.A. FUNDING AND  
24 SERVICES. WE FOUND A LOT OF IMPORTANT DATA. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 MENTAL HEALTH COOPERATED WITH US, IT'S THEIR DATA THAT WE





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1 USED. WE LOOKED AT SERVICES. THIS WAS ONE OF OUR CHIEF  
2 ADVOCACIES, THIS CROSSOVER PROJECT BECAUSE AS EVERYONE ELSE  
3 HAS SAID, THESE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS ARE TESTED. THEY WORK.  
4 THEY'RE OF SUCH POTENTIAL VALUE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS  
5 COUNTY. AND THAT IS ONLY EXCEEDED BY THE HUMAN VALUE, THESE  
6 KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND KEEPING THEM OUT OF JAIL,  
7 BASICALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE FLOOR  
8 AND FOR CONSIDERING IT. I HOPE YOU WILL ALL VOTE FOR IT AND  
9 PASS IT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MR. LUBIN  
12 SPEAKS. LET ME CALL SUSAN FRIEDMAN. LARRY GASCO. MR. LUBIN?  
13 MR. LUBIN, GO AHEAD.

14

15 **JERRY LUBIN:** THANK YOU. AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID AND I  
16 WILL FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HAVING APPOINTED ME TO  
17 THE COMMISSION. IN '03 SINCE THEN, I'VE SERVED BOTH AS CHAIR  
18 OF THE COMMISSION FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND I CURRENTLY SERVE AS  
19 VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION. DURING THIS TIME, WITH THE  
20 PASSAGE OF M.H.S.A., THIS DEPARTMENT, THIS COUNTY, THIS BOARD  
21 OF SUPERVISORS, HAS ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL REPUTATION FOR  
22 OPENNESS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, FOR EVERY IDEA TO COME FORTH  
23 AND BE DISCUSSED IN A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. AND THAT IS MY  
24 CONCERN TODAY. I HAVE A CONCERN FOR CHILDREN. MY OWN DAUGHTER  
25 WAS BORN SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC SCHIZOPHRENIA AND PARANOIA.



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1 SHE NEVER HAD A NORMAL CHILDHOOD. THIS IS A VERY GOOD PROCESS  
2 AS I UNDERSTAND IT THAT HAS BEEN ADVANCED. MY PROBLEM WITH IT  
3 IS THAT HAVING BEEN THE COMMISSION'S SOLE REPRESENTATIVE IN  
4 THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED, I HAVE HEARD  
5 MANY GOOD PROGRAMS, AND ALL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE  
6 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND THERE HAVE BEEN MODIFICATIONS. NOT  
7 EVERYONE GOT EVERYTHING THEY WANTED, BUT EVERY IDEA WAS  
8 DISCUSSED; AND IF ADDITIONAL TIME WAS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL TIME  
9 WAS GIVEN. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, EVEN  
10 THOUGH THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION WAS THERE, WAS NEVER  
11 PRESENTED IN THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. I'M SURE IT WAS FOR VERY  
12 GOOD REASON. BUT I CAN NAME OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO ALSO HAVE  
13 PROPOSED IDEAS THAT LOOK VERY GOOD AND THEY WERE DISCUSSED,  
14 SOMETIMES MODIFIED, SOMETIMES DEFERRED, SOMETIMES PASSED. I AM  
15 CONCERNED FOR THE BOARD THAT ALL THESE IDEAS SHOULD GO THROUGH  
16 THE SAME INTENSIVE PROCESS. AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT ONLY  
17 THE COMMISSION THAT HAS TO BE INVOLVED ON THE LAW BUT ALSO THE  
18 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND NOT SKIP THAT IMPORTANT OPEN FORUM.  
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SUSAN FRIEDMAN?

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23 **SUSAN FRIEDMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUSAN FRIEDMAN. I'M  
24 THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION AND THE CHAIR OF THE  
25 WORKGROUP ON MENTAL HEALTH ON CHILDREN AND TAY. SUPERVISOR



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION.  
2 FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, OUR WORKGROUP HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO  
3 THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND HOW THAT MONEY WAS SPENT  
4 FOR CHILDREN AND TAY. AND I SHOULD SAY AT THE OUTSET, THAT  
5 THIS ISSUE IS NOT ABOUT COMMISSIONS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.  
6 IT'S ABOUT THE CHILDREN. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE  
7 CHILDREN. IN THE COURSE OF THE TWO YEARS THAT WE WERE LOOKING  
8 INTO THE FINANCES OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT MONEY WAS  
9 SPENT, DR. ROBIN KAY MET WITH US FOR OVER NINE MONTHS OF THAT  
10 TIME. AND DURING THAT TIME, IN FACT, SHE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE  
11 WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO FOR TAY  
12 SPECIFICALLY UNDER P.E. I, PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION.  
13 AND DURING THAT TIME THAT WE WERE MEETING WITH HER, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT PUT OUT R.P.F.S SPECIFICALLY THAT POPULATION THAT  
15 THEY HAD NOT BEEN SERVING AND GAVE OUT 54 GRANTS OF 100,000  
16 DOLLARS EACH. SO IT WASN'T AS IF WE WERE WORKING AT ODDS WITH  
17 EACH OTHER. WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER. BUT I WILL SAY THAT WHEN  
18 YOU ADD THE C.S.S. MONEY THAT SHE MENTIONED AND P.E.I. AND THE  
19 PRUDENT RESERVE, THERE'S OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS OF UNSPENT  
20 MONEY FOR CHILDREN AND TAY. SO WHEN WE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA  
21 OF LOOKING AT SOMETHING THAT WAS OF CRUCIAL, CRUCIAL  
22 IMPORTANCE, AT THIS TIME AND CANNOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR  
23 CANNOT WAIT FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALSO FOR THE COUNTY. THIS IS  
24 COSTING THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY TIME THE CHILD  
25 MOVES INTO PROBATION, THAT COSTS YOU SO MUCH MONEY. SO I GUESS



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1 WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY IN CONCLUSION IS I HOPE YOU ALL  
2 UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS YOU MOVE ON THIS NOW, HOW  
3 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THE CHILDREN. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
4 ALL TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKYOU. MR. GASCO?

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8 **LARRY GASCO:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR. I'M LARRY GASCO, I'M  
9 HONORED TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL  
10 HEALTH COMMISSION. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, I WOULD LIKE  
11 TO SUPPORT THE COMMITMENT OF THE BOARD IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING  
12 THE INTEGRITY OF THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. THIS IS A VERY KEY  
13 INGREDIENT AS PART OF THE INITIATIVE, VOTED AND APPROVED BY  
14 THE PEOPLE. ALSO, MOST RECENTLY, SENATOR STEINBERG'S  
15 LEGISLATION DEALING AGAIN WITH CLARIFYING SOME OF THE ROLES,  
16 AS YOU ARE AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS CHANGES AT THE STATE LEVEL  
17 IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH. BUT THE LEGISLATION HAS A COUPLE OF  
18 THINGS, ONE OF THEM, IT REINFORCES AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE,  
19 AGAIN, OF A DIVERSE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, WHICH WE'RE VERY  
20 FORTUNATE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO HAVE. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 MENTAL HEALTH HAS DONE A CREDIBLE HEALTH TO HAVE THIS, TO  
22 MAINTAIN THIS, AND ALSO WITH DIFFICULTY. THERE'S ROOM FOR  
23 IMPROVEMENT, BUT THAT WE AS A COMMISSION WE WILL WORK AND  
24 COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN DOING SO. THERE ARE VARIOUS  
25 LEVELS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION WITHIN THE BROAD MENTAL



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1 HEALTH SYSTEM. NOW ONE OF THEM I'M VERY PLEASED IN THE  
2 AUDIENCE TODAY WE HAVE MRS. EDDIE LAMON WHO IS THE CO-CHAIR OF  
3 THE SERVICE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IN SERVICE AREA 6. SHE  
4 ALSO WEARS TWO HATS AS A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY, BY THE WAY, THE SHAREHOLDERS ARE EMBODIED IN THE  
6 SYSTEM LEADERSHIP TEAM. SO WE ARE AGAIN VERY VOCAL AND KEEPS  
7 EVERYONE HONEST, INCLUDING ME. AND SO I AM AGAIN VERY PLEASED  
8 TO HAVE HER HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION AND ALSO  
9 IN TERMS OF THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. IT IS VERY CRITICAL THAT  
10 IT BE REVIEWED AND THAT ALL, AS JERRY STATED, VERY CLEARLY,  
11 THAT IT ALSO -- ALL THE IDEAS, AS WORTHY AS THEY MAY BE, BE  
12 VETTED THROUGH THIS PROCESS. THERE ARE MANY COMPETING  
13 INTERESTS. AND YOU ARE MORE AWARE OF THAT THAN MOST. SO WITH  
14 THAT, AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO-- BY THE WAY, VERY MUCH  
15 APPRECIATE THE TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
16 THOMAS' MOTION. AND I THINK THAT BY GOING THROUGH THE  
17 PROCESS, THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION WILL ENSURE THAT IT WILL  
18 RECEIVE A FAIR AND THOROUGH REVIEW AS ANY OTHER WORTHY IDEA.  
19 BUT THAT IS REALLY THE INITIAL FOCUS WILL BE AT THE SYSTEM  
20 LEADERSHIP TEAM. AND I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE  
21 SAFEGUARD AND BE CONSISTENT WITH A LOT. SO THANK YOU VERY  
22 MUCH.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JUST SO I UNDERSTAND.  
25 YOU'RE EXCUSED. THANKS. MR. FUJIOKA, AS YOU UNDERSTAND THIS,



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1 THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS WILL BE RESPECTED GOING FORWARD? AND  
2 THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, I THINK THAT'S WHAT ONE OR BOTH  
3 OF THE AMENDMENTS WERE, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE- INCLUDED IN  
4 THE DISCUSSION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A CLARIFICATION, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I WERE TALKING SUBSEQUENT TO THIS. HE  
8 MAKES NOTE OF THE FACT IN HIS AMENDING LANGUAGE IN  
9 CONSULTATION WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION. I UNDERSTOOD  
10 HIM TO SAY SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THAT WAS NOT TO THE EXCLUSION OF  
11 CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION. IT SEEMS TO ME  
12 THAT THE CONVERSATION HAS TO BE ONE THAT INCLUDES THE  
13 RESPECTIVE STAKEHOLDERS. OBVIOUSLY THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL  
14 HEALTH SHOULD BE INVOLVED. BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS A  
15 DIRECT IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
16 SERVICES, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD MR.  
17 BROWNING, THERE OUGHT TO BE A CONVERSATION WHERE EVERYBODY IS  
18 IN THIS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S A GOOD POINT. AND I  
21 THINK BASICALLY THAT BOTH COMMISSIONS COME INTO THIS AS EQUAL  
22 PARTNERS. I THINK THAT'S THE INTENT HERE. NOT TO EXCLUDE. WE  
23 UNDERSTAND THAT. ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION TO THIS? RIDLEY-  
24 THOMAS MOVES, AS AMENDED. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND IT WILL COME BACK IN 30 DAYS.





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2     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IF I COULD CALL  
3 FORWARD ITEM 34 PERTAINING TO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND THE  
4 AECOM CONTRACT. IS THERE ANYONE HERE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?  
5 AND IF SO, WHAT DEPARTMENT MIGHT THAT BE? THE ISSUE IN PLAY IS  
6 THE DATABASE BEING DEVELOPED. SO THE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK IS  
7 HOW WILL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS BE PRIORITIZED IN THE  
8 INTERIM? HOW WILL THEY BE PRIORITIZED AND ADDRESSED? WHAT  
9 PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THE DATABASE IS FULLY COMPLETED? MS.  
10 ROBINSON?

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12     **RITA ROBINSON:** RITA ROBINSON, C.E.O.'S OFFICE. CURRENTLY ITEMS  
13 THAT ARE ON THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE LIST ARE A RESULT OF A  
14 MAJOR BREAKDOWN IN A BUILDING. SO THE AIR CONDITIONING IN  
15 LANCASTER LIBRARY, FOR INSTANCE. SO IN THE INTERIM, THERE ARE  
16 USUALLY ISSUES THAT MUST BE REPAIRED WITHIN A SPECIFIC AMOUNT  
17 OF TIME FOR FAILURE OF THE BUILDING TO OPERATE. SO THEY  
18 USUALLY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF A SERVICE OR A NEED OF THE  
19 BUILDING. SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS ESTABLISH A SYSTEM  
20 WHERE WE WOULD HAVE A MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO HOW THINGS  
21 ARE REPAIRED WITHIN THE COUNTY, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVEN'T HAD  
22 FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SO THE ADDRESS OF THE AECOM CONTRACT IS TO  
23 PUT US ON A TRACK WHERE WE CAN FORECAST THE CONDITIONS OF OUR  
24 BUILDINGS AND FORECAST HOW THEY'RE REPAIRED SYSTEMATICALLY.  
25 AND WHAT WE DO IS TRY TO DETERMINE, BASED UPON THE THINGS THAT



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1   END UP ON THE LIST, ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE OF EMERGENCY  
2   REPAIR, ACTUALLY.

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND YOU MENTIONED THE OPERATIVE TERM. MOST  
5   OF WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE THE CASE CURRENTLY IS THAT REPAIRS  
6   ARE MADE IN RESPONSE TO WHAT IS DETERMINED TO BE AN EMERGENCY,  
7   AM I CORRECT?

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9   **RITA ROBINSON:** YES.

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND HOW ARE THOSE EMERGENCIES DETERMINED?  
12   AND WHO MAKES THAT DETERMINATION?

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14   **RITA ROBINSON:** WE MAKE THOSE DETERMINATIONS WITHIN THE  
15   C.E.O.'S OFFICE DEPENDING UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM. IF  
16   PEOPLE CAN'T WORK IN THE BUILDING OR IF THERE ARE SITUATIONS  
17   WHERE WORK HAS TO STOP OR SERVICES CAN'T BE PROVIDED, MANY OF  
18   THOSE ISSUES END UP ON THAT EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE LIST.

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20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY, SIR.

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, AND JUST A QUICK QUESTION BEFORE.  
23   THE LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT THAT'S  
24   BEING PUT BEFORE US, THE AECOM DATABASE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT. I  
25   ASK THAT FIRST. DO WE KNOW WHAT THE LENGTH OF --



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2 **RITA ROBINSON:** THE PILOT PROGRAM T ESTABLISH THE DATABASE IS  
3 NINE MONTHS TO A YEAR.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

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7 **RITA ROBINSON:** SO YOU'RE ASKING THE QUESTION IN THE INTERIM,  
8 HOW WOULD WE MAKE THESE DECISIONS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND YOU ANSWERED THAT. I WAS TRYING  
11 TO GET THE-

12

13 **RITA ROBINSON:** RIGHT, NINE MONTHS TO A YEAR TO COME BACK TO  
14 THE BOARD WITH THE ESTABLISHED DATABASE, ALL THE CONTENT, HOW  
15 THAT WILL INTERFACE WITH I.S.D. AND OUR EXISTING TECHNOLOGY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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19 **RITA ROBINSON:** AND HOW WE WOULD GO FORWARD ON AN ONGOING BASIS  
20 FOR DETERMINING THE CONDITION OF ALL OF OUR BUILDINGS WITHIN  
21 THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY, THANKS.

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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS JUST GOING TO MENTION THAT I THINK AS  
2   EVERYONE KNOWS THAT OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION HAS  
3   RESULTED IN ADDRESSING THESE CRITICAL NEEDS ON EMERGENT BASIS  
4   VERSUS ON A PREVENTATIVE BASIS. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET IS A  
5   COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO TAKE A MORE  
6   PREVENTATIVE OR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THESE REPAIRS  
7   INSTEAD OF WAITING TO THE POINT WHERE OUR BUILDINGS ARE RIGHT  
8   NOW I THINK AS EVERYONE KNOWS WE HAVE A LOT OF BUILDINGS THAT  
9   NEED SIGNIFICANT MAINTENANCE, WE NEED TO GET ON TOP OF THAT.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE A FEW OTHER QUESTIONS.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
18   UNDERWAY OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT, WILL THEY BE INCLUDED IN THIS  
19   PLAN TO TRACK AND FORECAST MAINTENANCE NEEDS? IS THAT A PART  
20   OF THE PILOT?

21

22   **RITA ROBINSON:** YES. OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO ADD ALL BUILDINGS AND  
23   ALL PROJECTS TO THIS LIST AS WE DEVELOP THIS DATABASE, YES.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, IN SEPTEMBER OF 2010, THERE WAS A  
2    RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MOLINA MOTION THAT REQUESTED A REPORT BACK  
3    WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BEST PRACTICES FROM ASSET MANAGEMENT  
4    POLICIES OF ENTITIES WITH ASSETS SIMILAR TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5    ANGELES, SUCH AS A MAJOR CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
6    ENTITY, INCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
7    DISTRICTS, OR ANY SUCH MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE ENTITIES. WHEN  
8    WILL THAT ASPECT OF THE REPORT-BACK BE PROVIDED? AND WHAT  
9    PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO DATE ON THAT, IF YOU CAN TELL ME?

10

11   **RITA ROBINSON:** THAT STUDY ALSO WAS A PART OF THE DISCUSSION WE  
12   HAD WITH REGARD TO HAVING AN OUTSIDE ENTITY DO THAT. SO WE DID  
13   THE R.F.P.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

16

17   **RITA ROBINSON:** WITH REGARD TO LOOKING AT THAT AS NOT ONLY THE  
18   DATABASE AND THE CONDITIONS BUT ALSO THE BEST PRACTICES THAT  
19   OTHERS USE IN THIS. SO THAT WAS PART OF THE RESPONSE TO THE  
20   R.F.P. PROCESS.

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THUS THE AECOM SCENARIO COMMENDED  
23   ITSELF AND THEREFORE BEFORE US TODAY?

24

25   **RITA ROBINSON:** YES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT CONCLUDES MY QUESTIONS FOR NOW, MR.  
3 CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF  
6 NOT, WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 34 IS MOVED BY KNABE. I'LL  
11 SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. IS THAT IT FOR  
12 YOU, MARK? ARE YOU DONE? I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION. I ASK  
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH ANDREW KOHANSKI, WHO  
14 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
15 HIS WIFE BLANCH, TWO SONS, JOSEPH AND JOHN, AND TWO DAUGHTERS,  
16 JANICE PAPPALARDO AND JOAN JAHELKA. ALSO SURVIVED BY SEVEN  
17 GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. YEAH, I WAS HOLDING  
18 ITEM 30. I'VE HAD MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED. YOU HAD ALSO HELD IT.  
19 SO THAT'S THE CHANGE OF LANGUAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTIONS I HAD WAS THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS  
23 BEING MADE, GIVING THEM AUTHORIZATION TOOK CANCEL THESE  
24 CONTRACTS. WE'RE JUST NOW GETTING THE LIST. WE'RE JUST NOW-- I  
25 MEAN THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT ASK.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE HAVE JONATHAN  
3 FRIEDMAN EXPLAIN IT?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** FIRST OF ALL IT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT  
6 GOING ONE WAY AND THEN TO UNWIND THESE OTHERS WITHOUT US  
7 HAVING ANY IDEA WHO, WHAT OR WHY I DON'T THINK -- SO MAYBE YOU  
8 CAN.

9

10 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** I WILL EXPLAIN, SUPERVISOR.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE GOING LIST ALL 134, RIGHT?

13

14 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** NO, SUPERVISOR. ALTHOUGH WE DO OWE YOUR  
15 OFFICE A LIST OF THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE TO BE TERMINATED AND  
16 SUPERSEDED BY THE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE REFLECTED IN OTHER  
17 COMPONENTS OF THIS BOARD LETTER. JON FREEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF  
18 PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS BOARD LETTER IS THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF  
19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AGREEMENTS, AND IN THAT, WE ARE ALSO CHANGING  
20 THE WAY IN WHICH WE CONTRACT TO A MASTER AGREEMENT MODEL AS  
21 WELL AS BRINGING IN NEW RATES INTO OUR RATE-BASED SERVICES AND  
22 SIMPLIFYING A NUMBER OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS. THAT'S THE BODY  
23 OF THE BOARD LETTER. BECAUSE THIS IS BEING DONE MID-YEAR WE'RE  
24 ALSO SUPERSEDING EXISTING CONTRACTS. SO WE NEED A TERMINATION  
25 AUTHORITY ON THE EXISTING CONTRACTS. AND SO THIS MORNING STAFF



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1 IDENTIFIED THAT WE -- THE UNIVERSE OF CONTRACTS MENTIONED IN  
2 THE BOARD LETTER, THE 168, WAS TOO NARROW AND THERE WERE SOME  
3 SERVICE CATEGORIES RELATED TO CALWORKS AND FIRST FIVE  
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE  
5 ATTACHMENTS. SO WHAT WE'RE SEEKING IS AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE  
6 THEM. AND WE WOULD, OF COURSE, NOTIFY YOUR OFFICES OF WHICH  
7 THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE WOULD BE TERMINATED. IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE  
8 AGENCIES AND IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE SCOPES OF WORK OR THE  
9 PACKAGE FOR THE NEW WORK IN THE NEW AGREEMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THE TERMINATION PIECES ARE ALSO BEING RENEWED?  
12 SO IT'S AN OVERLAP?

13

14 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** WE ARE PHASING DOWN OLD CONTRACTS AND  
15 REPLACING WITH NEW CONTRACTS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THE SAME CONTRACTOR?

18

19 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** SAME TYPES -- DIFFERENT PAYMENT  
20 METHODOLOGIES, BUT THE SAME BASKET OF SERVICE WITH THE SAME  
21 AGENCIES.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** SAME AGENCIES?

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25 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEY ARE ALL THE SAME AGENCIES?

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4 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** THEY ARE ALL THE SAME AGENCIES AND  
5 RECOMMENDATION 10 WE INCORRECTLY INADVERTENTLY NARROWLY SCOPED  
6 THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS THAT NEEDED TO BE TERMINATED. SO I  
7 IDENTIFIED THAT EARLIER TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU WILL BE PROVIDING US THAT LIST?

10

11 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION,  
14 KNABE MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WE'LL MOVE ON ITEM NUMBER 30. ITEM  
15 NUMBER 43, WE HAVE ONE REQUEST TO BE HEARD FROM MEMBER OF THE  
16 PUBLIC, JOYCE DILLARD?

17

18 **JOYCE DILLARD:** EXCUSE MY BLEEDING PRINTER ON THE HANDOUTS THAT  
19 I BROUGHT IN. I DID THEM VERY LAST MINUTE. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
20 THIS MAINLY BECAUSE IT'S AN L.A. RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECT  
21 WITH THE LEAD AGENCY WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF  
22 ENGINEERING. YOU'RE NOT THE LEAD AGENCY IN THIS. AND THE  
23 PROJECT DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THEY  
24 HAVE IN THEIR PLANS, INCLUDING THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
25 CONDITIONS. AND IT NEEDS TO BE CIRCULATED AS A PROJECT AND IT



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1 HASN'T BEEN. JUST PROGRAMMATIC THROUGH THE L.A. RIVER  
2 REVITALIZATION. I THINK THIS IS A PROBLEM WE WILL RUN INTO. I  
3 HAVEN'T CHECKED THE TITLE ON THIS, BUT YOU MAY HAVE TITLE TO  
4 IT, BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH LEAD AGENCIES. YOU CAN ONLY  
5 HAVE ONE. AND YOU'RE NOT IT. SO I EXTRACTED A LOT OF THINGS  
6 FROM THE E.I.R. AND FROM THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
7 CONDITIONS AND FROM THE REPORT BY YOUR DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT  
8 JUST DOESN'T QUITE MATCH. AND I'M CONCERNED AS THESE ASPECTS  
9 GO ON OF CHANGES THAT DON'T FIT. AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS  
10 TO BE CONCERNED WITH. ON THE OVERRIDING CONDITIONS, THERE ARE  
11 GOING TO BE EFFECTS OF CONVERTING LAND FROM INDUSTRIAL PUBLIC  
12 SERVICE COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL IN THE LONG  
13 RUN. AND THAT REALLY HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED. YOU CAN DO A  
14 PROJECT AT A TIME, BUT IN ESSENCE YOU'RE STARTING TO CHANGE  
15 THE WHOLE RIVER ASPECT WITHOUT LETTING THE PEOPLE COMMENT ON  
16 IT. AND AS YOU GO TO THE DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES, WHICH REALLY  
17 WEREN'T ADDRESSED IN THIS REPORT AT ALL. IT WANTS YOU TO  
18 APPROVE THINGS THAT YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT YET BECAUSE  
19 FROM WHAT I CAN SEE IT REALLY WASN'T PRESENTED TO YOU. THERE  
20 ARE ALL KINDS OF THINGS INVOLVED WITH CHANNEL MODIFICATIONS,  
21 PARKS, GREEN STREETS, SALES AND PROMENADES, BIKE WAYS, TRAILS,  
22 GATEWAYS, WATER QUALITY REINVESTMENT. ONE OF THE BRIDGES  
23 MENTIONED ISN'T MENTIONED IN THIS L.A. REVITALIZATION IT LOOKS  
24 LIKE IT'S BEEN ADDED. AND THIS IS MY POINT WHEN THINGS AREN'T  
25 DONE ENVIRONMENTALLY CORRECT AND IN THE RIGHT PROCESS AND I'M



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1 AFRAID THAT THE PROCESS OF JUST YOUR APPROVAL ISN'T ENOUGH FOR  
2 THIS. THE CITY OF L.A. IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE THE LEAD AGENCY  
3 AND DO THE MITIGATION. YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY; THE  
4 LEAD AGENCY HAS TO. SO I THINK THIS NEEDS TO GO BACK AND IT  
5 NEEDS TO BE REWORKED SO THAT IT CAN GO FORWARD AS A MODEL FOR  
6 OTHER PROJECTS ONCE IT'S DONE CORRECTLY. BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S  
7 REALLY NOT IN THE PROCESS TO BE APPROVED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER  
10 DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM? IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THE COUNTY TO  
11 BE A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY ON A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE AND OF  
12 THIS KIND. THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE  
13 CITY ON A PROJECT IN THE WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE ARE  
14 BEING ASKED TO APPROVE THIS AS THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY, NOT AS  
15 THE LEAD AGENCY. NOBODY MADE ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE WERE THE  
16 LEAD AGENCY. SO I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF THIS. SECONDED BY  
17 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM?  
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE. NO ADJOURNMENTS AND HE'S NOT HOLDING  
19 ANYTHING. MR. ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT  
22 WALLACE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90 RETIRED SERGEANT WITH  
23 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHOSE LAST  
24 ASSIGNMENT WAS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HAROLD TURNER PASSED  
25 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. ALSO WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE  
2 SCIENTIFIC SERVICES BUREAU. MILDRED "MICKEY" PRIMMER, SHE  
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO  
4 WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL  
5 SOCIETY. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND OF 70 YEARS. DEPUTY WILLIAM  
6 CONROY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87, RETIRED INSPECTOR OF LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CORPORAL JEREMIE ROSS  
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. MEMBER OF THE SECOND BATTALION,  
9 SEVENTH MARINE DIVISION IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. HE HAD  
10 RECEIVED TWO NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS.  
11 SURVIVED BY HIS ARMY MOTHER, HIS MOTHER AMY AND HIS BROTHER  
12 SHANE. ARNOLD TILFORD, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE  
13 VALLEY. SERVED TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN VIETNAM WITH THE UNITED  
14 STATES ARMY. AND SHERWIN BOSSE, COPRESIDENT AND CO-OWNER OF  
15 U.S. TOOL AND SUPPLY COMPANY, WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED WORLD WAR  
16 II VETERAN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS. HE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SELMA AND HIS CHILDREN MICHAEL, STEVE,  
18 AND JOHN AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW LILY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK WE HAD... WE DID NUMBER 3?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.





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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE OTHER ONE WAS THE -- YEAH, 35 OR 45.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT THE ONE LAURIE WAS  
4    HOLDING? IS SHE HERE? WE'LL HOLD IT.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE. THAT'S ALL I  
7    HAVE.

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SHE'S HERE. YOU WERE HOLDING ITEM  
10    45 AND ANY ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS BUT THE ITEM THAT I  
13    HELD WAS 45 AND ON THIS ONE I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT,  
14    BUT I'M ASKING THAT WE ADD THIS MOTION. I WILL HAVE MY STAFF  
15    PASS IT OUT. "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT TO  
16    ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE BUDGET, IT NEEDS TO  
17    RAISE ADDITIONAL REVENUE BY INCREASING THE SPECIAL PARCEL TAX  
18    LEVY. HOWEVER, THIS ADDITIONAL REVENUE WILL NOT FULLY RESOLVE  
19    THE DEFICIT OR ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S LONG-TERM FINANCING  
20    NEEDS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, WITH THE  
21    ASSISTANCE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CONDUCT A REVIEW OF  
22    THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE CLOSE OF 2011-  
23    12 FISCAL YEAR. THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE VALIDATING THE  
24    DEPARTMENT'S REPORTED RESOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF REVENUE, MAJOR  
25    CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO BUDGET.



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1 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER SHOULD ALSO WORK WITH THE C.E.O. AND  
2 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT TO ESTIMATE PROJECTED CHANGES  
3 IN REVENUE AND SIGNIFICANT FUTURE EXPENDITURES THAT WILL  
4 MATERIALLY IMPACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL CONDITION  
5 AND REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS. FISCAL AUDIT SHOULD ALSO  
6 EVALUATE WHETHER THE AMOUNT CHARGED TO RESIDENTS IN CONTRACT  
7 CITIES IS EQUIVALENT WITH THE SERVICES AND CHARGES MADE TO  
8 RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT. I  
9 FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO  
10 PREPARE LONG-TERM FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND MAJOR  
11 EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL, CAPITAL, ETCETERA, TO PROVIDE THE  
12 BOARD WITH A BETTER IDEA OF DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE CHALLENGES  
13 BEYOND JUST THE CURRENT COUNTY BUDGETING CYCLE." I HAVE TALKED  
14 WITH THE CHIEF. AND I HAVE TALKED TO THE AUDITOR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT?  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE  
18 AMENDMENT IS APPROVED. NOW WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. CALL  
19 THE ROLL. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
20 VOTE. PUBLIC COMMENT? I'LL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. ARNOLD  
21 SACHS? IRENE PANG. ERIC PREVEN. NELLY LOPEZ. GO AHEAD, MR.  
22 PREVEN.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
25 DISTRICT 3. A LOT OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON



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1 THIS MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE REGARDING THE CROSSOVER YOUTH.  
2 AND IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE THAT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO SPOKE  
3 ON THAT ITEM ARE ACTUALLY COMMISSIONERS, MANY OF WHOM WHO HAVE  
4 SERVED SIGNIFICANTLY LONG TERMS. SO IT IS INTERESTING IN LIGHT  
5 OF MY CONSTANT BELLOWING ON ABOUT THE LENGTH OF SERVICE OF  
6 THESE COMMISSIONERS, IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT IT DOES WORK IN  
7 SOME WAYS, I SUPPOSE IF THIS IS IN FACT A GOOD THING AND THE  
8 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION ARE IN  
9 AGREEMENT, IT SEEMS THEY ARE. ITEM 15 I WAS NOT ABLE TO  
10 COMMENT ON TODAY, I JUST WANT TO ONE CELEBRATION I FAILED TO  
11 MENTION ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR ON SEPTEMBER 7TH DOWN HERE AT KEN  
12 HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION THE BOARD OF REALTORS WILL BE  
13 HAVING ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE DAY. I CERTAINLY HOPE THE ASSESSOR -  
14 - NOT MR. NOGUEZ--MR. KREIMANN WILL ATTEND THAT WOULD BE  
15 EXCELLENT. THE SEVENTH, AS WELL, AT 9:15 IN THE MORNING IN  
16 THIS ROOM WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL  
17 VIOLENCE AND I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ATTEND THAT ONE. ITEM  
18 22 IS, YOU KNOW, WE'VE REVIEWED THIS ON AN ALMOST BIWEEKLY  
19 BASIS, GUYS. . IT'S WHERE ATTORNEYS SIGN AGREEMENTS TO GET  
20 INDIVIDUALS TO AGREE TO PAY THEM UP TO 54 PERCENT, IN THIS  
21 CASE, OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH THE COUNTY ON AN UNPAID HOSPITAL  
22 BILL. POST THE NAME OF THE ATTORNEYS' FIRMS AND WILL SHAME  
23 THEM INTO NOT FORCING THESE CONSTITUENTS TO SIGN THESE  
24 AGREEMENTS. THAT'S A GOOD AREA FOR YOU TO TAKE INITIATIVE, MR.  
25 KRATTLI. ITEM 23 AND 24 BOTH D.C.F.S. ITEMS ONE DEALING WITH



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1 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE 300, 400 DOLLARS A NIGHT FOR FAMILIES  
2 TO HELP WITH KIDS WHO ARE SUDDENLY THROWN IN THE MIX AND THEN  
3 OTHER ONE, SUBSTANTIALLY MORE MONEY FOR AN INTENSIVE TREATMENT  
4 FOSTER CARE PROGRAM WHICH IS ACTUALLY A GOOD PROGRAM WHERE WE  
5 PAY PEOPLE TO SORT OF SEE IF THEY GET A GOOD FIT WITH THE  
6 STUDENT. MY QUESTION IS: THE FIRST ONE IS SIX-MONTH. WE'RE  
7 LOOKING AT THESE THINGS EVERY SIX MONTHS AND THE SECOND IT'S  
8 ONCE A YEAR. WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT THESE THINGS ON A  
9 MONTHLY BASIS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT HAVING THE  
10 PROBLEMS THAT WE KNOW HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN THESE PROGRAMS,  
11 AND THAT'S CRITICAL. AND FINALLY AND I WILL MAKE IT EXTREMELY  
12 BRIEF. ITEM 45 ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE  
13 WILL BE A REPORT BACK. THERE WAS NO ATTACHED ITEM. IF  
14 SOMETHING WAS PUBLISHED, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** LET ME KNOW.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD SACHS?

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND, ARNOLD. IS NELLY  
2    LOPEZ HERE? NOT HERE? OSCAR JOHNSON? IS OSCAR JOHNSON HERE?  
3    COME ON UP. ARNOLD SACHS. GO AHEAD.

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5    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. HOPEFULLY OVER THE  
6    LABOR DAY WEEKEND YOU MIGHT HAVE GONE TO THE MOVIES IF YOU HAD  
7    THE OPPORTUNITY OR NOT. ANYBODY SEE "THE AMBASSADOR?" AN  
8    UNSETTLING LOOK AT AN AMORAL WORLD. IT'S ABOUT THIS GUY WHO  
9    GOES TO SOME PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE RUNS INTO SOME BROKERS  
10   WHO CAN MAKE HIM INTO A DIAMOND DEALER, BLACK DIAMONDS THAT  
11   COME FROM MINES WHERE THEY USE SLAVE LABOR, BASICALLY. BUT HE  
12   RUNS INTO ALL THESE BROKERS WHO CAN CREATE A POSITION FOR HIM.  
13   AND I'M THINKING, "WHY DID THIS DIRECTOR, IF THIS IS A  
14   PROBLEM, WHY DID THIS DIRECTOR HAVE TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA? HE  
15   SHOULD HAVE JUST GONE METRO. LOOK AT THIS. HERE'S A MOTION  
16   BACK IN AUGUST OF 2005 BY MOLINA, FASANA, ANTONOVICH AND  
17   LOWENTHAL AS AMENDED BY DIRECTOR VIARIGOSA. YOU MAKE UP THIS  
18   AGENCY, LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION  
19   AUTHORITY. HERE'S ANOTHER AGENCY. HERE'S AGENDA ITEM. LOS  
20   ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.  
21   FROM APRIL 28, 2004, YOU KNOW LAST WEEK THEY TALKED ABOUT THE  
22   COST OF POSTING AGENDAS. DO YOU THINK THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED?  
23   AND HERE'S A CORPORATE GRANT DEED. ANYBODY FAMILIAR WITH THE  
24   SHOW "THE ROCKFORD FILES?" REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO GO DO TO  
25   THESE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND HAVE THAT PRINTER PRESS MAKE UP



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1 THOSE PHONY I.D. CARDS WITH HIS NAME ON IT, PRESENT HIMSELF AS  
2 SOME COUNTY OFFICIAL? I'M WONDERING: IF I MAKE UP SOME  
3 BUSINESS CARDS, WITH THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE  
4 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THAT I SIT ON THAT BOARD, WOULD I  
5 BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH IT? I HAVE AN AGENDA. I HAVE AN  
6 AMENDMENT. AND I HAVE A PROPERTY DOCUMENT THAT'S REGISTERED TO  
7 THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. I WONDER IF I COULD USE THAT TO  
8 GET ON THE METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M GOING TO TRY IT. AND I WILL HAVE YOU TO CALL  
13 FOR WITNESSES. THAT WILL BE GREAT.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PANAGIOTIS THEODROPOULU, HANG ON A  
16 SECOND. WAIT A SECOND, MISS PANG. I'M CALLING SOME OTHER  
17 PEOPLE. IS MS. THEORDIOPOULU HERE? SHE'S NOT HERE? BARBARA  
18 SANDERS? COME ON DOWN. TERRY SIGMUND? IS TERRY SIGMUND HERE?  
19 OKAY. MISS PANG?

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21 **IRENE PANG:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S IRENE. I CONCERNED ABOUT  
22 EQUALIZING OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY TO PROTECT OUR  
23 SOCIETY. SECOND, THE PROPERTY TAX PAY AFTER ALL THE LOSING AND  
24 DAMAGED PROPERTY COVER SETTLEMENT COMPETE BY THE COURT. AND  
25 THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY NEED TO KNOW THE RECOGNITION OF THE





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1 OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY NEED  
2 TO PLAN THEIR PROCEDURE TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAX SINCE THE  
3 PROPERTY OWNER ALSO LOST THE PERSONAL PROPERTY NORMALLY TO PAY  
4 BUT PAY BY PENNY THAT I BELIEVE MY FAMILY MEMBER PROCESS THE  
5 GOOD PROPERTY (INAUDIBLE) AND HAD A GOOD WORKING MANNER. I ASK  
6 THE GOVERNMENT THE SUPPORT AND THE CREDIT TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS  
7 ALSO THAT MY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE THEIR CHANCE TO MAKE USEFUL  
8 FOR OUR NATION AND OUR GOVERNMENT. SINCE MY FAMILY MEMBERS HAD  
9 BEEN (INAUDIBLE) BUT REFUSED TO DO (INAUDIBLE) THINGS. NUMBER  
10 FOUR, I NEED ALL MY EARNINGS FOR MY WORKING FOR SALE. I ASK  
11 THE GOVERNMENT ALSO TO SUPPORT MY FAMILY MEMBER TO HAVE THE  
12 EARNINGS FOR THEIR WORK. NUMBER FIVE, I HAD A FEELING MY  
13 FAMILY MEMBER THEIR SAFE SAFETY AND THEIR PROPERTY SAME AS THE  
14 NEIGHBORS CONTROL BY THE (INAUDIBLE) ORGANIZATION. I NEED TO  
15 THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE SITUATION. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON?

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19 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED. I  
20 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.  
21 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SPEAK ABOUT  
22 RELIGION. FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
23 ARREST-RELATED DEATHS FROM 2003-2009 STATISTICS TABLE, THERE  
24 HAVE BEEN REPORTED 4,813 DEATHS REPORTED FOR 2003-2009. 6 OUT  
25 OF 10 DEATHS, 2,931 WERE CLASSIFIED AS HOMELESS BY LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. 4 OUT OF 10, 1,832 CONSCRIBED TO OTHER  
2 MANNERS OF DEATH. AMONG THE REPORTED HOMELESS REPORTED DEATH  
3 THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL 2,931 WAS REPORTED. THE  
4 WHITES MAKES THE STATISTICS (INAUDIBLE). THE WHITES MAKES  
5 ACCOUNTED FOR 42 PERCENT REPORTED ARRESTED-RELATED DEATHS.  
6 BLACKS MAKES UP 32 PERCENT OF HOMICIDES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
7 ARREST-RELATED DEATH. HISPANIC MAKES UP 20 PERCENT OF  
8 HOMICIDES OF RELATED DEATHS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE MANNER OF  
9 DEATH INDEPENDENCE OF (INAUDIBLE) MEANING NATIONALITIES, AMONG  
10 REPORTED ARRESTS-RELATED SUICIDES, 6 PERCENT OF DEPENDENCY  
11 WERE WHITE. 20 PERCENT WERE HISPANIC AND 15 PERCENT WERE  
12 BLACK. OF ALL ARRESTS-RELATED DEATHS AMONG MALES, HOMICIDE  
13 ACCOUNTED FOR 62 PERCENT RELATED DEATHS. AMONG FEMALES,  
14 HOMICIDE-RELATED FOR 49 PERCENT RELATED DEATHS. WE SHOULD WORK  
15 TOGETHER TO CHANGE AMERICA FROM THE BEAST TO THE BEAUTIFUL.  
16 THAT'S THE FASTEST TWO MINUTES. BOY, Y'ALL CHEAT. Y'ALL  
17 CROOKS. TWO MINUTES RUN BY TOO FAST. Y'ALL CROOKS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEP, IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS  
20 ABOUT THE CLOCK, ISN'T IT? RICHARD ROBINSON? IS MR. ROBINSON  
21 HERE? YES, HE'S COMING. ALL RIGHT. COME ON DOWN, RICHARD.  
22 HECTOR DE LAUDO? COME ON DOWN. YOU WILL BE THE NEXT GROUP.  
23 BARBARA SANDERS? GO AHEAD, START OVER. START HER TIME OVER.

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1   **BARBARA SANDERS:** BARBARA SANDERS. THIS IS FOR D.C.F.S. I FAIL  
2   TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU AGREE TO ALLOW THE MOTHER TO MEET WITH  
3   MONITORS AFTER D.C.F.S. HAS APPROVED THEM. PERHAPS YOU ARE  
4   UNAWARE THAT D.C.F.S. HAS NOT APPROVED MONITORS EXCEPT FOR THE  
5   GRANDMOTHER FOR 18 MONTHS THE FATHER BROUGHT IN MONITORS  
6   DURING THE YEAR WHO WERE FINGERPRINTED BUT NEVER PROCESSED.  
7   GRANDMOTHER BROUGHT IN TWO WOMEN IN MARCH AND APRIL. BOTH  
8   APPLICANTS HAD THEIR FINGERPRINTS DONE AND PAPERWORK. THEY  
9   WERE NOT PROCESSED EVEN THOUGH THE FATHER CALLED SHERRY  
10   PIERCE, THE SOCIAL WORKER, THE DAY BEFORE EACH WOMAN WAS  
11   COMING AND GIVING HER NOTICE THAT SHE WAS PRESSED THE WOMAN.  
12   PIERCE CLAIMED SHE HAD NEVER BEEN ADVISED SHE LIED. THEN THEY  
13   SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO D.C.F.S. AND DO IT ALL  
14   OVER AGAIN. THE PERSON DOING THE FINGERPRINTS WHEN BARBARA  
15   BOWL CAME IN THE SECOND TIME SAID THAT THEY MADE IT APPARENT  
16   THAT SOMEONE NEEDED TO WRITE TO YOU. THEY SAID THAT IT STAYS  
17   IN THE SYSTEM FOR TWO YEARS. PIERCE SAID IT ONLY STAYED IN THE  
18   SYSTEM FOR 30 DAYS. THAT WAS AN INCORRECT POSITION. THERE IS  
19   NO REGARD BY D.C.F.S. FOR THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT THEMSELVES  
20   OUT TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND ARE YOU ARE NOW BEING ASKED  
21   TO EXTEND THEMSELVES EVEN MORE. I PERSONALLY THINK THIS RULING  
22   WAS INADVERTENT AND SHOULD BE SUMMARILY REVERSED. THERE ARE  
23   LIES BEING ENTERED INTO THE REPORT BY D.C.F.S. OBVIOUSLY  
24   OBTAINED FROM MOTHER AND THE ATTORNEY. THEY ACCUSE THE FATHER  
25   AND PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER OF AUDIO VIDEOING EXCHANGES OF SAYING



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1 BAD THINGS ABOUT THE MOTHER TO THE CHILD. THAT'S TOTALLY LIES.  
2 THEY NEVER QUESTIONED THE PARENTAL GRANDFATHER OR MOTHER. THE  
3 FATHER WAS RESTRAINED ON MANY TIMES BECAUSE OF LIES AND  
4 BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE NEVER QUESTIONED BY D.C.F.S.  
5 WEREN'T THE COURTS SUPPOSED TO ASSIST FAMILIES TO EITHER GET  
6 TOGETHER OR RESOLVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OUT OF COURT? INSTEAD  
7 THE MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER AND ATTORNEY HAVE DENIED, REFUSED OR  
8 IGNORED ALL PLEAS AND REQUESTS FROM THE FATHER AND HIS  
9 ATTORNEY. YOUR HONOR, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A LARGE CASELOAD,  
10 BUT YOU CERTAINLY CONDUCT THE ATTORNEY GOODMAN AND D.C.F.S.  
11 HAVE RESULTED RULINGS WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF BEING  
12 ARBITRARY, CAPRICIOUS, EGREGIOUS AND DOUBLE JEOPARDY FOR  
13 FATHER.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MISS SANDERS. TERRY  
16 SIGMUND?

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18 **TERRY SIGMUND:** (OFF MIC) I HAVE PICTURES WHICH IN THE PAST  
19 HAVE GREATLY DISTURBED THE JUDGE AND ANYONE ELSE WHO LOOKED AT  
20 IT. IDA MARINE MADE A CALL TO THE HOTLINE BASED ON SEEING  
21 THEM. HOWEVER THE D.C.F.S. REACTS (OFF MIC). THIS WEEK THE  
22 SOCIAL WORKER FORBADE ME TO TAKE NEW PICTURES DEPICTING  
23 BLISTER FULL OF PUS ON MY SON'S EAR AND A CLUSTER OF BITES ON  
24 MY BABY'S STOMACH. OF COURSE NO SUCH COURT ORDER EXISTS BUT  
25 ONLY THE MAKE BELIEVER ORDERS. IN FACT FROM THE BEGINNING MY



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1 BABY YOU HAS BEEN USED TO QUESTIONABLE AGENDA BUT HIS WELL-  
2 BEING GOT IGNORED. IN FACT DR. CLAUDIA WONG FROM U.C.L.A. WHO  
3 PERJURED HERSELF IN NUMEROUS CASES AND IS NOW BEING SUED FROM  
4 DIFFERENT FAMILY WASTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS  
5 TO FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH MY CHILD AND FOUND NOTHING.  
6 INSTEAD 30 SOME THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNASSOCIATED TESTING WERE  
7 PERFORMED, ONLY TO CATEGORIZE THEM AS LOW NORMAL. WHAT STRUCK  
8 ME AS ODD WAS HOW A SOCIAL WORKER SUSAN LAND, CAME TO MY  
9 HOSPITAL ROOM, WANTED ME TO SIGN SOME DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD PUT  
10 THE TAXPAYER FOR THE HOOK AND FOR THE UNNECESSARY EXPLORATORY  
11 CARE. WHEN I REFUSED TO SIGN THAT WELFARE PAPER BUT STATED  
12 THAT I WOULD RATHER DISPUTE THE BILL, I BECAME PUBLIC ENEMY  
13 NUMBER ONE. SEVERAL DOCTORS HAVE ASSURED ME THAT NO REGULAR  
14 INSURANCE WOULD HAVE AUTHORIZED OR COVERED FOR THEIR REQUESTS  
15 FOR SUCH UNNECESSARY TESTING. BUT NO ONE LIKE THE L.A.  
16 TAXPAYER TO EXPLOIT. THERE IS SUCH A VAST FRAUD GOING ON HAND-  
17 IN-HAND BETWEEN THE D.C.F.S. AND THE U.C. L.A. HOSPITAL THAT  
18 NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED. DR. CLAUDIA WONG ADMITTED UNDER  
19 PRESSURE FROM THE JUDGE, THE HONOR, THAT SHE ALTERED MEDICAL  
20 RECORDS TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD. I HAVE THE TRANSCRIPTS. AS A  
21 MOTHER, YOU GOT SOME PAPER THROWN IN FRONT OF YOUR NOSE AND IF  
22 YOU ASK QUESTIONS, YOUR CHILD GETS TAKEN AWAY AND PUT IN THE  
23 HOSPITAL AS UNDER AN ALIAS. I HAVE NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND HAVE  
24 PROOF THAT I WAS DISCHARGED PROPERLY. IN FACT MY EXPERT  
25 WITNESS DR. J. GORDON WHO TEACHES U.C.L.A. MEDICAL STUDENTS



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1 FOR THE FIRST YEAR AFFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH  
2 MY BABY BUT WAS DISMISSED AS (INAUDIBLE) DOCTOR.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.  
5 RICHARD ROBINSON? IS OSBEE SANGSTER STILL HERE? COME ON BACK  
6 DOWN, YOU'LL BE THE LAST SPEAKER.

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8 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, MEMBERS,  
9 RICHARD ROBINSON. SAINT MATTHEW 6:34. "DO NOT WORRY ABOUT  
10 TOMORROW FOR TOMORROW SHALL WORRY ABOUT THE THINGS OF ITSELF.  
11 SUFFICIENT UNTO THIS DAY IS THE EVIL THEREOF." ST. MATTHEW  
12 6:34. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AT CITY HALL SOMETIME AGO, I  
13 RUFFLED SOME FEATHERS. I SAID, QUOTE "THIS PLANET IS NOT MY  
14 HOME," UNQUOTE. WHAT I MEAN IS THAT WE ARE IN THIS WORLD, BUT  
15 WE'RE NOT OF THIS WORLD, THE BELIEVER KNOWS THAT GOD IS REAL.  
16 SIR, THE WORD, THE ABSTRACTION, THE HYPOTHETICAL CONSTRUCT,  
17 GOD, SYMBOLIZES THAT WHICH EXISTS APART FROM THE PHYSICAL  
18 WORLD, THE NATURAL WORLD. IT IS SUPERNATURAL. IT IS MET  
19 METAPHYSICAL. GOD, I WAS BORN, BRED, EDUCATED AND RELIGIOUSLY  
20 TRAINED TO BE A PREACHER. I CAN NO MORE NOT BE A BELIEVER THAN  
21 TRY TO FLY TO THE MOON THAN FLAPPING MY ARMS. SO LET KNEE JUST  
22 SAY THIS, THERE ARE PROBLEMS, BUT THEY'RE NOT ETERNAL. GOD IS  
23 ETERNAL. ST. JOHN 4:24 TELLS US THAT GOD IS SPIRIT. PARDON ME  
24 FOR LAUGHING. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS TO US, BUT FIRST JOHN 4:8 SAYS





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1 GOD IS LOVE. ALL WE NEED DO IS EXERT THE EFFORT NECESSARY TO  
2 GET ALONG. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. HECTOR DE LAUDO?

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6 **HECTOR DE LAUDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS  
7 HECTOR DE LAUDO. I WAS HERE BEFORE ON BEHALF OF HOMEOWNERS  
8 THAT WE ARE EITHER LOSING OR IN THE PROCESS OF LOSING OUR  
9 HOMES. AND I'D LIKE TO ADD THE WHOLE PANEL AND GIVE SOME  
10 EXPLANATION OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE SYSTEM THAT MAYBE THE  
11 SYSTEM FAIL TO ADDRESS PROPERLY. I HAVE DOCUMENTS THAT SHOWS  
12 THAT J.P. MORGAN CHASE HAS LOST MILLIONS, BILLIONS IN ERRORS.  
13 I CAN PRODUCE DOCUMENTS FOR THAT. I SEE THAT J.P. MORGAN SEND  
14 ME LETTER "YOUR HOME IS YOUR HOME, WE WANT TO KEEP IT THAT  
15 WAY." I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE USING THE LEGAL SYSTEM  
16 TO HARASS PEOPLE, HOMEOWNERS LIKE MYSELF WITH KIND OF THESE  
17 NOTES THAT ARE LEFT AT NIGHT AT MY DOOR WITHOUT ANY  
18 REPRESENTATION OF THE HOMEOWNER, OF THE BANK, I'M SORRY,  
19 CALLED CHASE. WHY DO I NEED TO CALL CHASE WHEN I'M IN CONSTANT  
20 CONTACT WITH THEM? AND NOW CHASE REFER THIS CORPORATION IN  
21 IRVINE TO START FORECLOSURE ON MY PROPERTY WHILE THE CONSUMERS  
22 AFFAIRS AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS HELPING ME WITH THE  
23 MODIFICATION PROCESS. AND THEY IGNORE EVERYTHING. I TALK TO  
24 DIANE FEINSTEIN OFFICE, AND THEY'RE WORKING ON IT. AND I HAVE  
25 A CASE WITH THE O.C.C. AND I THINK THAT THE O.C.C. IS



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1 MISINFORMING THE SENATOR OF THE PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE I HAVE  
2 LETTER THE SENATOR SENT ME. AND I WANTED TO HAVE A MEETING  
3 WITH YOU PERSONALLY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. I ASKED THREE TIMES TO  
4 MEET WITH YOU TO SHOW YOU DOCUMENTS. I DON'T TRUST EVERYBODY  
5 IN THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM WITH THE SYSTEM THAT  
6 WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF. I KNOW THAT MY TIME IS EXPIRED. I WANT  
7 TO ADDRESS GLORIA MOLINA.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. IF YOU WANTED TO  
10 ADDRESS HER, YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE IT EARLIER, I'M SORRY, MR.  
11 DELAUDO. MR. SANGSTER?

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13 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ONCE AGAIN, MR. CHAIR. BOARD  
14 OF SUPERVISORS, MR. FUJIOKA, STAFF AND GUESTS. MY NAME IS  
15 OSBEE SANGSTER. IM THE PRESIDENT OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 COALITION. I APPEAR HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU TO REQUEST APPROVAL  
17 OF CONTRACTING A SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH BLACK LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. A CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATIVE THAT WAS  
19 DECLINED BY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AN ADULT LITERACY  
20 PROGRAM TARGETING IF HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED, DISADVANTAGED,  
21 LESS WELL EDUCATED AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONSUMERS. I CLEARLY WANT  
22 THE BOARD TO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO CREATE, AS WELL  
23 AS ASSERT AND DEAL WITH MATTERS OF MENTAL HEALTH, PEER-TO-PEER  
24 LITERACY, MENTORING, ADVOCACY, THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
25 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I BELIEVE IT IS ALSO STATED THE MISSION



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1 OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, BLACK IS A 501C3  
2 COMMUNITY-BASED COALITION. OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE AND  
3 SECURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE LEADING TO THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL  
4 HEALTH RECOVERY AND WELLNESS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLIENTS.  
5 BLACK HAS ARTICULATED AN INNOVATIVE PERSPECTIVE. IT IS MY HOPE  
6 THAT THE BOARD ATTENDS TO THESE MATTERS ACCORDINGLY. WE MUST  
7 DRIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT RESOURCES TO LOCAL CONSUMER  
8 LEVEL AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE IN COMPARISON WITH CENTERING  
9 ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT CLIENT-DRIVEN SELF-  
10 SUFFICIENCY. CREATIVITY AND RESULTS. CLIENTS WANT TO BE FAIRLY  
11 COMPENSATED FOR THEIR WORK. BLACK LITERACY RATE, LITERATURE  
12 AND STUDY SPEAKS VOLUMES COMPELLING WAYS. PEERS WANT TO WORK  
13 WITH PEOPLE THROUGH ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH. SUPERVISORS OF  
14 THE BOARD IF YOU COULD KINDLY HELP US CROSS SECTOR  
15 COLLABORATIVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL LEARN AND EARN IN OTHER  
16 WAYS TO CREATE JOBS FOR HUMAN TALENT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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20 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CLOSED SESSION?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
25 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL



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1 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBERS CS-1 AND CS-  
2 3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
3 LITIGATION. ITEM NUMBER CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
4 EVALUATION AND ITEM NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
5 NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED  
6 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1        **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

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5        No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-4 or CS-5.

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7        In open session, item CS-2 was continued two weeks to

8        September 18, 2012.

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10       CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL    EXISTING LITIGATION

11       (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Verdugo

12       Mental Health, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central

13       District of California, Case No. 2:11-bk-22739-PC.

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15       This case involves the settlement of the County s claims in

16       the Verdugo Mental Health bankruptcy case. (12-4124)

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18       The Board authorized settlement of the matter titled Verdugo

19       Mental Health. The details of the settlement will be made

20       available once finalized by all parties.

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22       The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

23       present.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
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13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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